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WOLLONGONG'S BROKE

By
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MICALLEF

Wollongong City's first grade players have agreed to a club appeal to play for nothing in a last-ditch bid to save the club from extinction.

A special meeting before last Sunday's match against St George, the club's 14 first grade players voted unanimously to forego match payments and bonuses.

Club secretary John Vlietstra told the players the outstanding payments would be made as soon as the club overcomes a serious cash flow problem caused by lack of funds.

The struggling club has had only one home match — against Footscray — in two months, because of match postponements due to bad weather and representative matches.

Vlietstra said the club was not in a position to say when the outstanding payments could be made.

Chairman Laurie Kelly publicly thanked the players for accepting the situation like "real professionals."

"This shows our players are playing for their club," Kelly said.

Coach Willy Wallace also thanked the players for understanding their club's plight but fired a broadside at the game's administration.

"Unfortunately we are governed by people who have little knowledge of how to run a competition," Wallace said.

"These people do not realise all NSL clubs depend largely on home gate takings for survival."

"And the clubs cannot afford to be without football for so long."

"Certainly we could have done without league stoppages to make way for insignificant matches like the Queensland v. NSW clash in Brisbane and the England international series, which got us nowhere."



Play him full back and he'll still get forward and show his attacking flair — the hallmark of South Melbourne Hellas star Alan Davidson (centre).

Alan Davidson to Bayern Munich?

Alan Davidson has been invited to trial with Bayern Munich.

The trial was arranged for him by Bill Naday, who coached Davidson in various State junior teams.

Naday has various contacts in West Germany. "I am delighted by the offer," Davidson said. "It is rare indeed that top European teams, much less Bayern Munich, pay any attention to players from this part of the world."

Davidson is on contract to South Melbourne Hellas until the end of 1984, but the contract allows him to try his luck overseas during the off season.

The maximum transfer fee stipulated in his contract is \$30,000, but of course it does not apply until after his contract has expired.

Davidson, 22, was Australia's best player in its three-match series against England.

The English — especially manager Bobby Robson — couldn't stop praising the Australian right back, who has been switched to midfield by his club coach Rale Rasic — a move that should have been made long ago.

Bayern Munich manager Uli Hoeness wrote to Davidson last week, outlining his offer for a trial.

Davidson is likely to take up the offer at the end of the Australian season, although various English clubs also are clamouring for his services.

Bayern Munich, boasting various European Cup victories, is renowned for having boasted such champions as Franz Beckenbauer, Gerd Mueller, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Sepp Meier, Paul Breitner, Georg Schwarzenbeck, and of course Hoeness himself.

COUNCIL OF WAR IN MELBOURNE

News that the VSF will hold a council of war in Melbourne on July 9 with other State federations to discuss the NSL's proposals for revamping the national competition, is a clear indication that battle lines have been drawn.

The VSF has invited NSW, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, Northern NSW, Western Australia and the ACT to a meeting to try to form a common front to present at the ASF executive meeting on July 30 at which the fate of the NSL's restructuring plans will be decided.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The NSL is not invited to the meeting between the states.

The NSL took the opportunity of framing restructuring proposals without inviting the States to take part in drafting the document so we are taking the opportunity to draft our own proposals without inviting the NSL to take part," said VSF secretary George Wallace.

The VSF considers the NSL proposals to be extremely negative. They (the NSL) plan to run state leagues within a national set-up and that's just not on. We want to run super leagues on a State basis with an end of season competition among the top teams to decide the Australian club champion."

Arok doesn't want Aussie job

By PHILIP MICALLEF

Frank Arok, mastermind of two draws with England, is not after Les Scheinflug's job as national coach.

But he says the young Soccerroos, led by Scheinflug, would have fared better with some of the qualities shown by Arok's national team against England.

Scheinflug, meanwhile, has said he would never encourage the defensive approach which, he said, characterised Arok's team.

Arok says: "Perhaps if the young Soccerroos had played more prudently against South Korea in Toluca, they might have grabbed the draw they needed to qualify for the quarter-finals."

The results obtained by Australia against England have received a lukewarm reception from several British coaches in charge of NSL clubs. These coaches contend that the Australian team played too defensively and did not do the code much good.



Frank Arok

"Some people seem to be upset with our results and have tried to belittle them," a furious Arok said.

"It is very disturbing to learn some coaches have rubbished their own players and the game from which they earn good money. Our results against England have received world-wide attention but not in our own backyard."

Arok described this attitude by some of his colleagues as "silly and unfair."

"I was given the job to get results and I did it," Arok said.

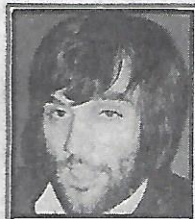
"Who cares how we played?"

"Robert de Castella's style is awful and has no elegance at all but he is still the best long distance runner in the world. When Bjorn Borg started to play tennis, critics promptly said his style was boring but he eventually turned out to be a great champion."

"So again, who cares about style when results are coming in? Similarly, in soccer, why not give up a bit of entertainment and be more careful in defence?"

"I am not interested in a fulltime Soccerroo job," Arok said.

"I am bound by contract with St George for two more seasons."



George Best

Docherty-Best reunion

George Best, 37, and his manager of seven years, Bill McMurdo, have flown out of London bound for Brisbane and a three-match guest stint in the NSL with Brisbane Lions.

The wayward genius' first appearance with Lions at Brisbane's Perry Park on Sunday immediately sets up a confrontation with another of the game's more controversial figures, Sydney Olympic's Tommy Docherty.

"George and Tommy have crossed swords many times before. They have a special love-hate relationship which has lasted many years, but it's one tinged with mutual respect," McMurdo told AAP from Glasgow.

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George Wallace

State power brokers, Victoria and NSW, seem certain to get their way at the crucial July 30 meeting. There are 11 votes cast at ASF executive level. Victoria and NSW hold two votes each. The seven other votes are held by the NSL, S.A., Tasmania, Queensland, Northern NSW, the ACT and Western Australia.

Northern NSW and the ACT mainly represent the interest of respective National League clubs Newcastle KB and Canberra Arrows. They seem certain to vote in line with the NSL. Question marks hang over which way Western Australia and Tasmania will vote. Assuming that they vote with the NSL and assuming that every delegate entitled to vote does so rather than abstain, at worst the Victoria-NSW lobby will win 6-5, as it is confident of securing support from SA and Queensland.

All he may break loose if the vote is tied because the decisive vote will be cast by ASF president Sir Arthur George.

Many State federations are wary of such a situation. They believe that Sir Arthur's vote will be directly influenced by the agreement he struck last year with West Nally.

Incidentally, we understand that that agreement is yet to be tabled at an ASF meeting. At least three federations have written to the ASF to obtain copies of the alleged agreement but have failed to do so.

If West Nally throws its considerable financial clout behind either of the two NSL regionalisation proposals then Sir Arthur may back the NSL.

Such a situation would polarise Australian soccer to an extent never before seen. And at least one of the State power brokers is prepared to hit back hard. A high ranking VSF official told me last week that his State will serve a writ on the ASF to stop the NSL pushing through either of its regionalisation plans.

Things have changed dramatically in Victoria since the formation of the national league in late 1976. Then, Tony Kovacs was chairman of the VSF board of management and Sam Pappasavas was chairman of the State League board. Both had vested club interests. Kovacs as president of Footscray JUST and Pappasavas as president of South Melbourne Hellas, two of the clubs which joined with fellow rebels Heidelberg Alexander and Mooroolbark in pulling out of the VSF and joining the fledgling national competition.

Vito Cilauru now is acting chairman of the VSF board of management in the absence of Michael Weinstein, recuperating from illness. Cilauru also is chairman of the State League board. He is not officially tied with any VSF member club, so the federation is able to present a fairly united front, secure in the knowledge that Cilauru will act solely in its interests.

However, there is unrest within the VSF. Publicity officer Lou Stafrace explains:

"It is in the interests of the VSF that all board members present a united front if our efforts are to prove successful. Any sign of disharmony within the board is not just a sign of weakness it also can become a weapon which can be used against us."

Arnold Langer and Frank Burin both are members of the VSF board of management. Langer is the treasurer of Green Gully Ajax. Burin had a long administrative association with Melbourne Croatia. Both Ajax and Croatia are keen to join NSL ranks.

The July 9 council of war between the States will be presented with a firm VSF rebuttal of the NSL proposals. It also will frame a series of constructive counter proposals to be presented on D-day, July 30, at ASF headquarters in Sydney.

Decisions reached on that day will have a momentous bearing on the direction of Australian club soccer for years to come.

Australia may see young 'Roos

Australia's youth soccer team will be on view against world class opposition in November if national coach Les Scheinflug has his way.

The team played in Papua New Guinea, the United States, Costa Rica and Mexico in its build-up campaign for the recent World Youth Cup finals.

Amazingly it has not had any exposure at home.

Most players in the squad are well known to local fans for their feats in the National Soccer League, but as the young Socceroos they have yet to play a full international in front of an Australian crowd.

"Our leading officials such as Sir Arthur George and Peter McCann were both in Mexico," Scheinflug said.

"They know that it is vitally important that we carry on and bring youth teams such as Brazil, Argentina and South Korea here.

"About \$200,000 was spent in developing our team.

"We shouldn't throw that sort of money out the door by not consolidating our position."

Senior national teams from Uruguay, Poland and Cameroon will be in Australia during November for a four-way tournament with the Socceroos.

Scheinflug sees Australia's youth team putting the icing on the cake by playing a series of matches against a leading youth national team in early games to those tournament fixtures.

"The man in the street knows much more about soccer development than he is given credit for," Scheinflug said.

"I believe it is widely realised that further development of the Australian youth team will do wonders for the code."

In spite of Australia's elimination from the series in Mexico, the national coach has considerably more faith in his players than some critics.

He always maintained that had the team been able to prepare earlier, with a tour of Indonesia, it would have made all the difference when it came to the final series.

That trip was unfortunately scrubbed out of the budget on financial grounds.



At breakfast in Mexico, from left: Joe Rizzotto, Rene Licata and Fabio Incantalupo.

"I was very proud that the players did everything possible in Mexico at a high altitude, where they had literally to gasp for air," Scheinflug added.

"There was the transport difficulties that unsettled us in the first game.

"In the last one against

South Korea it was a case of making mistakes and not retaining the commitment that was revealed against Scotland."

Scheinflug is certain the team would beat South Korea if it came to Australia.

"I know the Australian mentality and it can be used to advantage."

"The players love to go forward and as a general rule they know how to get behind the ball in defence."

"Gradually Australia will develop more soccer skills from ground roots level but meanwhile we have the sheer determination to carry us through."

"Many nations don't have that."

Geovani the star, Korea the surprise, 1.3 million watch

Mexico forgot its economic worries: there was plenty of attacking soccer and everyone seemed to agree that the second world youth cup, was an overwhelming success.

Some 1.3 million spectators attended the 32 games over two weeks, an astonishing average of around 40,000 per match which fell just short of the senior world cup in Spain last year. It bodes well for 1986, when Mexico stages the next "Mundial."

"The cup has been a tremendous success both in public interest and the quality of the play... and the displays of South Korea, China and Nigeria illustrate the advances made in the developing countries of soccer," FIFA (International Football Federation) senior vice-president Harry Cavan said.

FIFA organised the 16-nation finals, which are now a regular, two-yearly event at which some of the best teenage footballers in the world perform.

Brazil beat Argentina 1-0 in the final, played in front of some 110,000 spectators at the towering Aztec Stadium, venue for the 1970 senior final.

Although the traditional soccer countries came out on top, the cup is essentially geared towards encouraging the spread of the game in Third World nations without the pedigrees of teams like England, Brazil or Italy.

"The chance for these youngsters to experience a competition like this gives the traditionally weaker soccer powers the opportunity to build up their strength for the senior tournaments," Cavan said.

South Korea learned quickly enough how to handle the big time, reaching the semi-finals before going down somewhat unluckily to Brazil, which scored the win-

ning goal with only eight minutes remaining.

The Koreans' non-stop running and precise ball-control won over the Mexican fans, who gave them a standing ovation at the end of the match.

Nigeria, which beat the Soviet Union and came within inches of doing the same to the Netherlands, and China, which thrashed Austria 3-0, were also in the vanguard of the developing nations' assault on the cup.

Many of the games were outstanding advertisements for attacking soccer, particularly the final, South Korea against Mexico, Brazil-Czechoslovakia, Uruguay-Poland and the Soviet Union-Netherlands clash.

Brazilian schemer Geovani Silva emerged as the star of the cup, winning the Golden Ball trophy for best player and the Golden Boot for top scorer with six goals.

But there was a host of talent in view and many of the top players — all under 20 — are likely to return to grace the senior cup here in 1986.

Among the names to watch for apart from Silva, are Paulo Ferreira and Mauricio Vilella, Brazil's quicksilver front-runners, who have inherited the kind of flamboyant skills made famous by Pele, Rivelino and Zico.

Ruben Sosa of Uruguay and Argentina's Roberto Zarate must also rank among the top South American stars of the tournament while the performances of winger Mario Been of the Netherlands, South Korean striker Shin Yon Ho and Australian striker Franklin and Joe Rizzotto are likely to stay in the memories of the local fans.

The problems of altitude — the Toluca venue was 2,600 metres above sea-level —

were overcome by most of the teams. But, as in all big events, there were other problems.

At the end of Scotland's victory over Mexico players of both sides had to dodge a hail of bottles and cans as they tried to leave the pitch.

The Mexican authorities were warned privately that the stadiums would have to be made safer, the sale of alcohol banned and police control improved for the 1986 cup, FIFA sources said.

Two of the matches — United States versus the Ivory Coast and Argentina versus the Netherlands — ended in bad-tempered chaos, with the referees losing control and having to send off a total of six players.

"There have been snags, hiccups and problems but nothing that cannot be resolved in the next three years," said Cavan. He blamed some of the on-field misbehaviour on youthful frustration.

One embarrassing problem over which FIFA had no influence was the host country's conspicuous lack of success on the field.

As in the 1970 World Cup, Mexico failed to reach the latter stages of the finals and the sports press renewed its calls for a complete overhaul of the game here.

But despite the isolated outbreaks of trouble, most Mexican fans are easy-going fatalists by international standards and the early departure of their team and the live television coverage of every match did not deter them from turning out in huge numbers for even the most unpromising matches.

The finals were estimated to have cost some three million dollars to stage though debt-ridden Mexico did not have to shoulder much of the burden, according to FIFA and Mexican soccer sources.

Most of the money was recouped through ticket sales, television rights and sponsorship, they said.



Jang Jung of Korea stays stride for stride with Rene Licata of Australia.



Clowning around in Mexico, Russell Stewart, in sombrero and on the knee of Joe Rizzotto. At left is Ralf Maier and at right, seated, Rod Brown and Frank Farina.

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Heitor Camarin Junior, Mario Francisco Santos and Paulo Roberto Ferreira hug Geovani Silva (centre) who has just scored Brazil's winning goal against Argentina in the WYC final.

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Barnes king of kids, Richards back,

Murray Barnes has succeeded Tony Henderson and Johnny Warren as "Captain Soccer" on Channel 9/28.

Barnes, the former national team captain of Sydney City Hakoah, has been chosen to host this popular Saturday afternoon children's soccer programme.

It features playing hints, interviews with nations stars, a soccer quiz, and footage of junior matches.

Richards coach

Ray Richards, the man of the long throw, has taken over as Second Grade coach at Marconi.

A former player-coach of the Marconi senior team, Richards, also coached APIA and played 60 games for Australia, including the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

Kosmina stays

Australian captain John Kosmina has decided to stay until the end of the year, although his club, Sydney City Hakoah, transfer-listed him. He remains under contract, so no-one can force him to go.

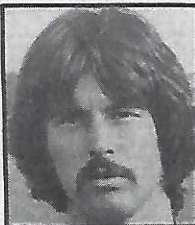
David Mitchell, transfer-listed along with Kosmina, may also stay till the end of 1983, as South Melbourne Hellas is not willing to part with the \$30,000 Hakoah wants for him.

Scharmann a hit

Austrian star Johann Scharmann is proving a hit with APIA. He is polling top votes regularly in the "Soccer Action" - Boral Bricks Player of the Year award, due to his skilful, imaginative midfield leadership.

Little to go

Former youth international John Little is seeking a transfer from Preston-Makedonia. He joined Makedonia from Atlanta City but has been unable to win a senior spot this year, due to the acquisition of new players Zoran Ilioski, George Campbell, Zarko Ozakov and Alex Livingstone who, incidentally, is battling very hard to break into the side.



Murray Barnes

Soper keen

Marshall Soper is dying to play against St George in eight weeks' time. So too is Peter Ketholos. Both had unfortunate experiences with St George coach Frank Arok during the three-match Australia-England series. Soper was kicked out of the squad by Arok, who had charge of the national team for the series, and Ketholos was dropped from the third game. Now the two Sydney Olympic players are determined to vent their anger by crushing the Saints.

Watch Gregory

John Gregory, the Queen's Park Rangers midfielder, may have taken his first steps towards a regular place in the England team. "He'll have a real tickle at it," is the way England manager Bobby Robson put it in his own peculiar vocabulary. "He's been very solid. There have been lots of good bits and pieces from him. He kept us playing. He was up and down the field, knowing when to stop back when necessary," Robson said of Gregory during the series against Australia. "I spoke to Terry Venables about him back home, and he's in no doubt about it."



Peter Ollerton

O'Donnell turns from Hellas to Footscray

The focus of attention in the race to sign talented midfielder Brian O'Donnell from Blacktown City has switched from South Melbourne Hellas to Footscray JUST.

JUST coach Bobby McLachlan, keen to sign a new player before tomorrow's (Thursday's) transfer deadline, held talks with O'Donnell last Monday.

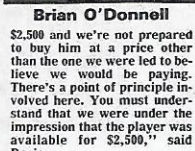
O'Donnell returned from England, where he had been playing on loan from Bournemouth, with Torquay United, about three weeks ago and was transfer listed at \$7500 by his former Australian club Blacktown late last week. Initially Hellas looked likely to sign O'Donnell but once Blacktown found out that he was back in Australia it put into operation a signed agreement with the player which bound him to Blacktown upon his return from the U.K.

Hellas coach Rale Rasic had been keen to sign O'Donnell but balked at the price. Ironically it was Rasic who coached O'Donnell at Blacktown, who negotiated the clause binding the hard-working midfielder to the NSW club. O'Donnell joined Blacktown secretary Peter Thorne in criticising the treatment he has received from Hellas since his return.

"I'm bitterly disappointed at the way Hellas and Rale Rasic have left me to run around and negotiate a move from Blacktown," said O'Donnell.

"It would appear that someone is letting Brian run around and do the dealing with us in the hope that if he squirms in hard enough he'll get away for next to nothing," said Thorne. Rasic answered criticism of himself and Hellas by claiming that he had come to an agreement with a third party which would have seen O'Donnell at Hellas for just \$2,500.

"We were told that Blacktown would release Brian for



Brian O'Donnell

\$2,500 and we're not prepared to buy him at a price other than the one we were led to believe we would be paying. There's a point of principle involved here. You must understand that we were under the impression that the player was available for \$2,500," said Rasic.

O'Donnell, 25, was born in Port Glasgow, Scotland, and moved to England at an early age. As a 16-year-old, he was apprenticed with Third Division club Bournemouth and became a full-time professional there two years later. John Bond was the manager then.

"He (Bond) was a good manager but he wasn't severe that long after I broke into the first team. We were top of the Third Division when Bond left to join Norwich, taking seven or eight first team players with him and we ended up struggling to avoid relegation," said O'Donnell.

"What hit Bournemouth hard was money problems. It had to get rid of a lot of young players."

O'Donnell joined Bristol Rovers on a free transfer for a season, a move he regrets.

"Going there was a mistake. Don Mepson was the boss and I didn't like him. The side always struggled to stay in Second Division and the atmosphere among the players was terrible."

O'Donnell came to Australia in 1978 to join the now defunct Western Suburbs in the national league. APIA Leichhardt took over Western Suburbs and O'Donnell had a run-in coach Willie Wallace, now coaching Wollongong.

Northcote on the hunt

Gregory's ability. His real test will be next season, when he has to play First Division football. But he'll be all right. He plays with his head."

Davo's view

Soccer star Alan Davidson says the English players showed the Australian new respect after their three games. "They gave all of us quite a few compliments," he said. "At first we were all scared and nervous about playing against England, but after the first game we knew they were only human. Sure, there were few big names among them but they weren't Peles." Davidson missed a good scoring chance against Peter Shilton in Brisbane, and said to his opponent John Barnes while running back to position: "Would you have scored?" Barnes answered: "Don't worry about it. I hate one-on-one situations as well."

Defence?

Frank Arok made a very salient point while defending himself against criticism of Australia's "defensive" tactics. "It is a basic rule in soccer that if you lose the ball, every player quickly get goal-side of the ball, meaning they all defend in that situation. That is simple soccer logic. Talk about five defenders in a bulldust. We had two full backs attacking England, whereas their full backs didn't worry us at all." Arok said he had worked at a tactic based on cutting England's ball supply to its forwards. "We rehearsed everything," he said. "All our training was done in pressure situations. We contested high balls under pressure, we built up from behind under pressure, we chased like mad dogs, according to plan. It all came out right in the games. All credit to the players." Arok is no beginner. He had 16 years with New South Wales and four with Yugoslavia, and his St George team of the sixties and seventies produced Socceros Johnny Warren, Manfred Schaefer, Atilla Abonyi and Adrian Alston.

Crowds slump

Crowds in Scotland have plummeted alarmingly. Gary McDowell joined Footscray J.U.S.T. partly because of this decline. "My club, Hamilton Academicals, was playing in front of crowds as low as 500," McDowell says.

Gorman goes

Northcote import Jeff Gorman has returned to his native Northern Ireland and the Greek-sponsored Victorian State League club will fill the visa vacancy left by Gorman's departure by signing a striker from the English Leagues. Northcote manager-coach Tony Vrzina has three possibilities — Anthony Kernan from Wolverhampton Wanderers; William Wright from Burnley and an unnamed Stoke City striker. All three have been given free transfers. Vrzina would love to have signed David Fairclough from Liverpool, also freed, but latest news suggests that the red-headed super-sub may stay at Anfield. Gorman went back home disillusioned with Northcote. He was here for only a few weeks before flying back to Northern Ireland earlier this season. Northcote was



John Gregory



Johann Scharmann

loathe to pay for Gorman's return, reasoning it would be better off signing a local defender. Gorman paid his own fare back and has been involved in a wrangle to recoup the money. Northcote claims that the 29-year-old Irishman cost the club about \$500 a game! That alleged figure is arrived at by dividing Northcote's outlay on Gorman by the handful of games he played.

Gray move?

Are Canberra Arrows keen to sign midfielder Eddie Gray from Victorian State League club Albion Rovers? A person purporting to represent the Arrows rang Gray recently and told the talented attacking midfielder that Canberra has been keeping tabs on him. A meeting was arranged but the unidentified Canberra scout never turned up.

Rasic rapt

Rale Rasic, the SM-Hellas boss, is delighted with the coaching progress of his former Socceros charges. Of the national team that reached the World Cup finals under Rasic, Atilla Abonyi now is coaching Canberra, Peter

Ollerton has Makedonia on top of the NSL ladder. John Watkins has charge of Sutherland, and Ray Richards, former player-coach of Marconi, is back as Marconi's second grade coach. In addition, Jack Reilly is Rasic's assistant at Hellas, having previously coached Heidelberg. Doug Ujensovic had a stint as coach of Avala and junior coach at Blacktown; Peter Wilson was player-coach of APIA last year; Johnny Warren coached Canberra and St. George; Ray Baatz coached Newcastle for a while. Ron Corry was player-coach of Manly; Adrian Alston is a junior coach with St. George and Manfred Schaefer had a stint as coach of St. George as well. What's the betting Jimmy Rooney will be next? He's said that his ambition eventually is to coach Australia!

Secret

One of the most talented midfielders in the Victorian State League is secretly transfer listed by his club.

The club isn't publicising the fact because the player is a temporary resident. His permanency is due any day and once it comes through the club will be able to put any fee it wishes on his head rather than merely recouping the expenses it has incurred since bringing the player here last year.

A rival State League club put in a bid for the player, earlier this year, of \$4000 but was knocked back. With the transfer deadline almost reached, it seems that the player will stay put till the end of this season.

Whatever amount the club is asking for has been increased by the fact that the player has negotiated a deal which will net him a substantial percentage of the transfer fee.

French fun

Today (Wednesday) at St George Stadium a 'fun' match will be played between the Variety Club of France and a local 'All Star' team represented by players such as ex-internationals John Warren, John Doyle, Eddie Thomson, Frank Haley, Ron Corry, Archie Blue, Tom Anderson. The match forms part of a world tour which will see the French side playing matches in New York, Hawaii, Sydney, Noumea, Singapore and London. The Variety Club of France contains a large number of players with experience in French 1st Division together with former international players such as Jan Mulder (Holland) and Jean-Marc Guilleul (France). The match will commence at 7.30pm.

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Tommy Traynor

Traynor now set for joy

Few can be more aware of the meagre margin between success and failure in soccer than Tommy Traynor.

The Sunshine George Cross coach twice suffered the disappointment of being a beaten finalist in the Scottish FA Cup and also was involved in the Scottish League's closest ever finish.

Traynor's team, Heart of Midlothian, went into the last day of the 1984-85 campaign two points ahead of Kilmarnock and enjoying a superior goal average. The pair met during that fateful Saturday afternoon, with the "Maroons" only having to avoid defeat by a couple of goals or more in order to secure the championship on their own ground.

Instead, Kilmarnock won 2-0 and snatched the title by 0.04 of a goal. Ironically, under the present day system of using goal difference to separate teams finishing level on points Hearts would have been the champion!

Traynor had joined the Edinburgh club two years earlier from Dunipace Juniors. For seven seasons, his diminutive figure surging up their left flank was a familiar sight on Caledonian football pitches.

While at Tynecastle Park, he partook in two European Fairs Cup (now UEFA Cup) expeditions and played in the 1967-68 Scottish FA Cup final: won 3-1 by Dunfermline Athletic.

1970 saw Traynor move to Dundee United in exchange for Wilson Wood. Both players were valued at \$80,000.

The little left winger, and now occasional midfielder, played a valuable part in the early stages of United's remarkable rise to a position among the elite of Scottish soccer, appearing in its first major cup final — the Scottish FA Cup decider of 1974.

Celtic won that game 3-0, but, as league champion, was ineligible for the following season's Cup Winners' Cup. United stood in for Celtic and gave Traynor a further taste of European football.

His stay on Tyneside ended in 1976 upon moving to Morton, where he was to remain for just one season, before linking up with Falkirk.

Here, Traynor's playing career ended on an unhappy note, when the "Bairns" finished bottom of the 1976-77 Division One ladder.

Over 300 Scottish League appearances, only 17 of them outside of the top section, had been made and more than 78 goals scored in senior football.

As a coach, he has served Dunipace Juniors, Kilsyth Rangers and Cowdenbeath; all of whom offered little potential for an ambitious coach.

Sunshine-George Cross though presents a challenge Traynor can get his teeth into. During a short stay in Melbourne, he has impressed many with an abundance of knowledge and enthusiasm.

— PAUL MOON

Polonia, Croatia, Melita in goal spree

Some big wins by home sides highlighted round 15 of the NSW State League competition, however none was more surprising than that of Polonia over Canterbury at Chopin Park.

The famous composer would have been proud of quite a few of the "notes" played by the home side. In fact it was the day of Ziggy and Henjek at Chopin Park as Ziggy Garlowski and Henjek Kowalczyk destroyed Canterbury with two goals apiece.

At King Tomislav Park it was another day of joy for the home team as Croatia hammered Bankstown 5-1, while Melita Eagles demolished Yugal by the same score at Eagles Stadium. It was the second time this year that Melita defeated Yugal with ease, while Croatia repeated its earlier 5-1 drubbing of Bankstown.

Kuringai was rather fortunate to take both points against Auburn, with Clive Eaton the hero for the winners, while Blacktown struggled against Manly before coming out on top by two clear goals.

With 10 rounds to go it is fair to assume that the top three have settled their positions with Croatia certainly having its toe in the doorway of the minor Premiership. Melita has moved into second spot but the Demons are still there with a chance — on equal points with Melita and with a game in hand!

Kuringai has moved into a clear fourth spot, thanks to Eaton's scoring touch and to the goalkeeping prowess of Curtis and some good work by

Cevra at the back. The Chasers are now two points in front of Avala, with Manly seemingly dropping out of the race for the top four.

Sutherland on only 13 points with only 12 games played, is still a real threat. With Keith Schumann partnering Dalorno at the back, goals will be hard to come by against Sutherland.

Polonia 6 Canterbury 1

Scorers: Tracey pen 10', Kowalczyk 20', 50', Z. Garlowski 35', 68', Thomas 40' (P) Thammides 6' (C).

POLONIA: Barker, Irek Garlowski, Sotgiol, Gwiazda, Galaz, Tracey, Kowalczyk, Ziggy, Gwiazda, Ortego, Thomas, Smith (Vines 10').

CANTERBURY: El Zai, Mantzila, Andreou, Binos, Anagnostopoulos, Laing, Vassiliou, Hall, Theodoropoulos, Thammides, Easterfield.

After Chris Thammides put Canterbury ahead only six minutes after the start of the match at Chopin Park and few would have believed that Polonia would take a point let alone win.

Not only did Polonia come back quickly to make it 1-1 but the side surged to its biggest State League win by scoring six goals, four of which came during a devastating 45 minute spell.

Andy Tracey hit the equaliser from the penalty spot after Binos headed inside the area then came the first of the Henjek Kowalczyk goals to put Polonia ahead. He accepted a pass from Irek Garlowski then stroled through the Canterbury defence with help from Garlowski to make it 2-1.

Kowalczyk was on the spot to provide the service to his coach and captain Ziggy Garlowski in the 35th minute who made it 3-1. It was Kowalczyk again, five minutes later, as Polonia came forward to trouble the visitors. He rounded a fullback before crossing to David Thomas to head Polonia's fourth at the far post.

As if that wasn't enough, as soon as the second half started it was Kowalczyk again, scoring his second and Polonia's fifth goal in the 50th minute. Ziggy Garlowski made it 6-1 in the 68th minute then the same player missed an ideal oppor-

tunity for a hat-trick from a very good cross by Kowalczyk. It is hard to describe action which provides six goals, umpteen misses, and a lot of fun for the few hundred faithful supporters of both sides.

Goals speak for themselves and Polonia had a lot to deliver this week!

Blacktown 3 Manly Warr 1

Scorers: Walker 41', Pearson 85', Stoddart 88' (B), Steven 95' (M).

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Wheeler, Pointer, Rasmussen, Turnbull, Selva, Stoddart, Brogan, McLaughlin, Walker, Kirwan (Pearson 80').

MANLY: Cassettari, K. Falconer, Russell, Williamson, Noble (Martin Jones 46'), R. Jones, P. Falconer, Steven, Smith, Scott, Stuart.

Blacktown and Manly failed to provide the entertainment expected for most of the game with goals coming in the last five minutes of both halves.

It was a tough midfield battle with Keith Falconer and John Stoddart struggling for possession. In the end it was Stoddart who came out the winner and Blacktown who survived to get the two points and keep up with the leaders.

Stoddart made the difference just when it looked like Blacktown was going to muffle it and lose a point. With only four minutes to go Manly made it 1-2 through Steven and started to pressure the home side looking for the equaliser.

However, in come Stoddart to chip Cassettari as cool as you like to make sure of the Demons' victory. At the same time Stoddart assured himself of the man-of-the-match tag as both camps agreed that he was the man who made the difference.

Earlier on, Blacktown went into a lucky lead after a horrible mistake by Williamson. He attempted to head back to Cassettari but his header went over his keeper's arms and straight to Barry Walker who made no mistake from close range.

Stoddart provided Pearson with a chance soon after the youngster replaced Paul Kirwan and that was 2-0 to the Demons, then came a flourish by Manly with Steven getting a goal.

So, this one appears to have settled Manly aspirations for the top four. It is hard to imagine that the side will beat

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Croatia, Melita and Sutherland in coming weeks. That's an extremely tall order!

Croatia 5 Bankstown 1

Scorers: Arnold 5', 39', Kovacic M. 28', Hensman 67', Rezo 68' (C); Basic 65' (B).

CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasich, Sterry, Basic, M. Kovacic (Davies 74'), Rezo, Savor, Arnold, Cortez (Silva 54'), Hensman.

BANKSTOWN: Lohman, Kenneby, King, Augustine, Bourke, O'Neil, Linton (Parker 63'), Dolton, Farthing (Peters 70'), Gilligan.

After putting four past Bankstown, Croatia hammered Bankstown by five goals with Bankstown the side that was flattened by the scoreline. After Graham Arnold put his side ahead after only five minutes the question was only by how many would Croatia win and not whether it would.

This was the second such defeat for Bankstown at the hands of Croatia this season and should Croatia join the National League next year I am sure there will be at least one outfit in the State League which will gladly yell out: "Good riddance!"

Croatia played attractive soccer throughout the match despite the injury still carried by Marian Kovacic. The tireless midfielder had another fine game, capped with a well executed goal and I am sure that once in top company he will catch the eye of State and National selectors.

Drago Tomasich at left full-back impressed once again and appears to have improved "out of sight" since his move from Marconi.

Drago Rezo and his partner Wally Savor continue to dominate midfield proceedings and with goal poachers like Arnold and Hensman up front it is hard to imagine anyone stopping Croatia now.

Auburn 0 Kuringai 1

Scorer: Clive Eaton 5'. AUBURN: Bowman, Kelly, McKendrick, Planinic, Kilkelly (MacDonald), Jones, Roberts, Gaudin, Townsend, Carney, Allen.

KURINGAI: Curtis, Cevra, Hammond, Bartram, Roberts, Berry, Knight, Brockbank, Regan (St Challenor), Eaton, Leak.

Results of round 15: CROATIA V BANKSTOWN 5-1; AUBURN V KURINGAI 0-1; EASTON 9'. AVALA V INTER MONARO 1-1; FONTANA 11'. FRANCE 51'. MELITA EAGLES V YUGAL 5-1; MCKIE 16', Williams 31', Allan 56' (ME) McIntosh pen 33' (Y).

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TABLE

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CROATIA	9	4	1	24	22
MELITA EAGLES	9	2	3	24	20
BLACKTOWN	10	0	3	28	20
KURINGAI	8	5	2	17	17
Avala	5	5	3	17	16
Manly Warringah	5	4	5	25	14
Sutherland	3	4	17	12	12
Inter Monaro	4	4	5	18	12
Yugal	3	5	6	14	11
Polonia	3	4	6	18	10
Canterbury	1	4	9	16	9
Bankstown	2	10	17	37	8
Auburn	1	10	13	33	3

Saturday: Kuringai-Sutherland, Parklands Oval. Sunday: Bankstown-Polonia, Soccer Centre; Canterbury-Yugal, Arlington Oval; Inter Monaro-Auburn, Maroo Park; Manly Warringah-Avala, Crown Park; Blacktown-Melita, Gabbio Stadium.

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION: One Way vs Parramatta City at Erindale Reserve; Rensley Workers vs Penrith United at Juncos Oval; Bankstown vs Parramatta at Bick Oval.

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION: Bondi Marine vs Queens Park 4/5 at Waverley Oval; Bankhurst 75 vs Campbelltown City at Mitchell College; Bankhurst Hills vs Liverpool Albion at Ted Herwood Reserve.

Inter urban 1ST DIVISION: Spanish Club vs Marston United at Moore Park No. 13; Centric vs Sydney Uni at Marickville Oval.

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION: Moorbank vs Chelsea at Hammondville Park; West United vs Padstow Park at Cawarra Park; Eastwood S/A vs Sydney Maroons at Lower Eastwood Oval.

Inter Urban 3rd Division: Blacktown Wanderers vs Newbury Dist. at Pearce Park Reserve; Liverpool City vs Rensley Workers at Ernie Smith Reserve.

Auburn and Kuringai met for the second time in a week and once again it was a tough and uncompromising struggle with Kuringai registering an all-important win to climb into the fourth spot on the League ladder.

It was an even match and from that angle one would feel that the result somewhat flattered Kuringai, but goals are the all-important aspect of the game and the winner had a goal poacher of the calibre of Clive Eaton whilst Auburn didn't.

Eaton was on the spot early to beat Bowman. Steve Leak, the ex-Auburn striker, shot past three Auburn players before finding Stuart Regan whose cross was headed home by Eaton at the far post. Simple but effective.

That apart, the game carried a lot of spite with quite a few players "getting square", with memories of the last encounter still fresh.

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION: Nepean Rivers vs Murray Farm Range at Tallowood Sports Ground; Rensley Highgate vs Blacktown Workers at Highgate Stadium.

INTER URBAN 5TH DIVISION: Sans Shool vs Jewell United at Clegham Reserve; Concord Juniors vs Castle Hill at Edwards Park; Welcome Sports vs St Mary's RSL at Endeavour Sports Res.; Lancelotti United vs Argentinian Ltd/Old at Parkes Reserve.

SUNDAY

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION: Fairy Meadow vs Blacktown United at Police Boys Ground; Gladstone Reserve vs Uni. of NSW at Peel Park; Warringah Mitten vs Wollongong United at Northmead Fitness Centre; Rockdale Inter vs West Bankstown at Hurville Oval.

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION: Mt Druitt Town vs North Ryde at Popondetta Park; Gladstone City vs Bickfield B/B at Ernie Smith Reserve; West St George vs Paygemond at Ewart Park; West United vs Eastwood S/A at Cawarra Park.

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION: Hurville Zephyr vs Eastern Creek at Camperdown Park; Wenty Waratahs vs Fairfield Kin at Canterbury Park; Fairfield West vs Port Hacking at Parkes Reserve; King Tomislav vs Warringah Eagles at King Tomislav Park.

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION: Chile Sports vs Sydney Macabbi at Endeavour Sports Res.; Padstow Park vs Transendons Sports at Stuart Reserve; West St George vs Paygemond at Ewart Park; West United vs Eastwood S/A at Cawarra Park.

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION: Green Valley United vs Macquarie Uni. at Blenheim Oval; Robins vs Rensley Workers at Pacific Oval; Liverpool City vs Bickfield B/B at Ernie Smith Reserve; Macquarie United vs Smithfield H/S at Pandorosa Park.

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION: South Sydney vs Liverpool United at Bankstown Park; Rensley vs Chelsea at Yerrumil Park; Hales Pondsion vs Delahide Hill at Jeffery Reserve; Cole Cole vs Lithgow Workers at Inverell Bridge Res.

INTER URBAN 5TH DIVISION: Lancelotti United vs St Mary's RSL at Marley Oval; Argentinian Ltd/Old vs Santiago Wanderers at New Wilson Park; Liverpool United vs Welcome Sports at Jardine Park.

WEDNESDAY

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION: King Tomislav vs Eastern Creek, King Tomislav Park.

Avala 1 Inter Monaro 1

Scorers: Fontana 11' (A) Frances 51' (M).

AVALA: Ahrens, J. Fernandez, Delier, Barton, McKenzie, Volapoh (62' Housseini), G. Fernandez, Muniz, Fontana, Burrows (Mama 10'), Rodriguez.

INTER MONARO: Hocking, Leath, Charles, Santolin, Francois, Wilcox, Duvnjak (50' Vieri), Lawler, Godzik, Arguro, Rees.

Avala, on the brink of the top four, looked the likely candidate to take the points at Knight Park and started in such a fashion, pushing its southern visitor back into defence. Glen Fontana scored an early goal with a good volley following a floater from Agustin Muniz and everything was going according to plan.

However Inter Monaro came back with a vengeance and was not far from securing both points. Frances was on the spot to equalise shortly after Roberto Vieri took the

park, from yet another well taken volley after some good work by Brian Godzik and from then on it was a matter of who will survive rather than who would win. Avala appeared satisfied with the point and to an extent so did Monaro.

The sad saga of this game was the poor form of Burrows, Housseini and Muniz for Avala whilst Nikola Duvnjak and Brian Godzik were outstanding. Godzik was by far the best player on the park with his coach Vieri coming a close second.

Melita 5 Yugal 1

Scorers: McKie 16', Duarte 26', 39', Williams 31', Allan 56' (ME) McIntosh pen 33' (Y).

MELITA: Williams, McGinn, Cross, McAusland, Griffith, Duarte, Jamieson, Allen Farrugia (76' Fogarty), McKie.

YUGAL: Berry, Turkuliev, Foster, McIntosh, Clarke, Pehor, Golic (Banjac 54'), Moholovic, Rokov, Zivkovic, Tasevski.

Melita completed a double over Yugal to go into second spot on the league ladder and issue a challenge to Croatia for the minor Premiership. It was a game Melita always had under control and with a bit of better management by the home side the result could have been far worse for the visitors.

And the man who made it so difficult for Yugal was none other than Griffith, the player who was under Raul Blanco at St George and has come out to join his ex-coach, this time at Melita.

Griffith provided the spade work for John McKie to score the first goal in the 16th minute, then 10 minutes later it was Richie Williams who provided Dennis Duarte with a chance to beat Berry and make it 2-0.

Duarte returned the favour five minutes later and Williams made it 3-0, before Yugal came back through a penalty kick by McIntosh. Rokodera and Zivkovic had the Melita defence in all sorts of trouble with McAusland having to handle on the line but to no avail as McIntosh slammed home the resultant penalty.

Duarte increased the lead to 4-0 from a good pass by Griffith to end the scoring in the first period and Don Allan added one soon after half time to give Melita this large and comfortable victory.

Martinez to move

Hector Martinez, one of the most skilful players ever to come here from Argentina, is about to leave Melita Eagles.

With many years of First Division soccer in Argentina, Martinez delighted our crowds in the past few years displaying the brand of soccer known so well to the Latin American countries.

However, this year he has had his share of troubles retaining his first grade spot and is now looking for another club.

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Brisbane City levels in the 92nd minute



Heidelberg and Soccerroo sweeper Charlie Yankos (right) shows his strength in the tackle against Brisbane City's Bow.

Brisb City 2 Heidelberg 2

Scorers: BC: Falco 14th, Wilkinson (pen) 32nd; H: Berg: Lee 76th, Campbell 82nd.
Venue: Spencer Park.
Crowd: about 1200.
Referee: Bill Monteverde 7.
BRISBANE CITY: Dunlop 7, Hughes 6, Kowman 7, Tolson 7, Wilkinson 7, Williamson 5, Bow 5, Hamilton 7, Glockner 5, Falco 7, Bromfield 6 (Liddell 75th).
HEIDELBERG: ALEXANDER: Oliver 7, McKie 7, Tansy 8, Yankos 8, Angele 6, Toro 6, Selemidis 8, Campbell 7, Spanos 7, Lee 7, Petersen 6.

Two controversial goals by Brisbane City denied Heidelberg Alexander three points at Spencer Park. City scored first and last in a match dominated almost entirely by Heidelberg Alexander.

The home team's first goal came when the Heidelberg defence underestimated the speed of young City striker Angelo Falco and he raced onto a poor backpass to get a touch before Jeff Oliver could properly grab the ball.

Some Heidelberg players claimed Oliver had hold of the ball when Falco got his touch but coach Ken Morton was loathe to offer that as an excuse and preferred to blame the goal on a bad call and a weak backpass.

City's equaliser came through an injury-time penalty when Joe Angele cut down Brisbane midfielder Bobby Hamilton from behind.

Ironically it was during three minutes of time added on or an Angele injury that the penalty was awarded.

Morton questioned the length of extra time, with the penalty being awarded one minute 47 seconds after the 90 minute mark, but did not doubt the correctness of the decision.

And that was a refreshing change. Most southern coaches find Brisbane refereeing a good excuse for their team's performance — or lack of it — but Morton preferred to gloss over the controversy surrounding the goals and discuss the match itself.

And although they dropped a point, Morton could well have been pleased with his players showing.

It was a much different Heidelberg to that which had played in Brisbane in previous years; different because of its willingness to go forward. Had the side had someone with finishing ability, it could have won the game easily.

Brisbane City, playing a patched-up team that was missing Frank Pimblett and Steve Perry and had Soccerroo reserve keeper Kim Wishart relegated to the bench in favor of Ray Dunlop, offered little resistance. But for a strong opening burst and a brief second-half effort, the team looked a shade of that which steam-rolled opposition earlier this season at Spencer Park.

The midfield was run ragged by Spanos, Selemidis and

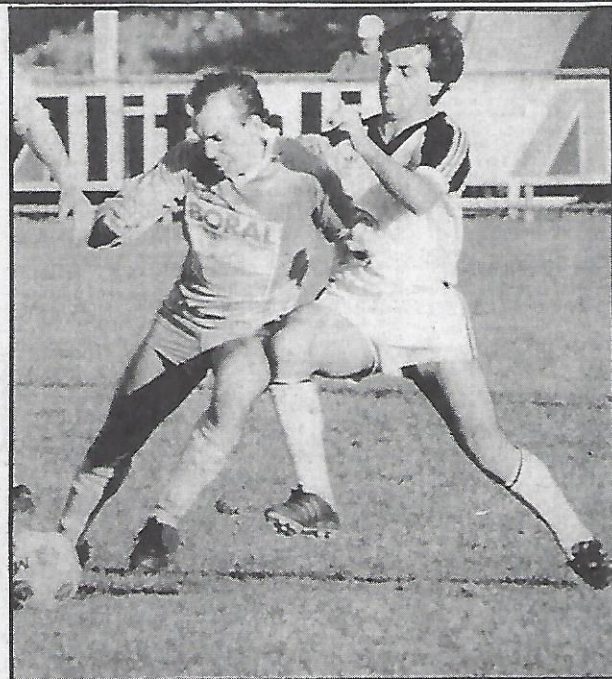


Ricky Rosso

Campbell and looked very vulnerable down the flanks. City gave away a lot of the ball through bad passing, poor control and pretty but ineffective flicks from the likes of Glockner and Falco. But Heidelberg really didn't capitalise and his shooting was wayward.

Heidelberg fully deserved to draw level through a Derek Lee shot which deflected off Peter Tokesi into the net in the 76th minute and worked a good movement six minutes later to enable Jim Campbell to get their second.

Afterwards Morton was philosophical. "The youngsters learned a lesson but there is no way I will tell them to stop attacking. They have to keep playing this type of football to bring the fans in," Morton said.



Heidelberg midfielder Juan Toro (right) challenges Brisbane City's Ian Bromfield. Pictures by CARLOS PICASSO.

Meier makes sure of win

A.P.I.A. 0
Syd. Olympic 2

Ground: Pratten Park
Crowd: 6544
Referee: Tim Davies 7
Yellow Cards: Treddinnick (A)

Goals: Katholos 2', Phillips 5'

A.P.I.A.: Woodhouse 7, Pullen 7, Brown 7, Bertagna 7, Mariani 6, Butler 6, Gray 7, Treddinnick 7, Morsello 5, Schermann 5 (De Ceglie 32', 51', Bradley 7).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 9, Rogers 7, Jennings 8, Raskopoulos 5 (Patalis 70'), Herbert 7, Dakos 7, Patikas 5, Phillips 7, Peterson 8, Katholos 8, Condy 6.

New-look Sydney Olympic scored twice within five minutes of the start and then defended to win deservedly.

It was one-way traffic during the first period, with Sydney Olympic looking sharp and aggressive. Peter Katholos combined well with Steve Patterson up front and a goal was always on when these two had possession.

The game was only two minutes old when Patterson rose high to flick one on for



Gary Meier

Alex Vesic

Katholos and the Soccerroo took little time to dispose of it. Only a few minutes later Patterson held off two defenders to nudge the ball into the path of Gary Phillips and Woodhouse was beaten again.

Gary Meier was called upon to make some hurried saves towards the end of the first half, but his job was much harder during the second period. APiA came out firing on all cylinders, bar one: the shooting category.

All the good work done in front of the penalty area was badly wasted inside the box, with Meier having plenty to say about it. Some of his saves looked simple but certainly kept the distance of two goals between the sides.

Butler, Bradley and luckless Morsello had simple chances during this period but made heavy weather of it, with Morsello the chief culprit, missing quite a few openings.

It was also strange to see Olympic so subdued, fighting off a late challenge from APiA and having to defend with 10 men at times. Only Katholos remained up front for most of the game, with the rest of the side bunched around the penalty area, defending grimly.

Despite all this, APiA did manage to break through only to find Meier unbeatable in goal. Tommy Docherty will be quite pleased with the result and with some of the performances from his men, but not all. Katholos, Meier, Peterson, Jennings and Dakos performed well, with Phillips being busy all day.

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Boogaard keeps Maier out, Burke nets two

Newcastle 3
Footscray 0

Scorers: Burke (N) 2nd, Mason (N) 11th, Burke (N) 51st.

Venue: Adamstown Oval.
Crowd: 3200.

Referee: Barry Wilkinson 6.
Cautions: Mountford (N), Mason (N), Carroll (F), McDowell (F).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Gosling 8, Boogaard 7, Burke 8, Watson 7, Treddinnick 7, Cowburn 7, Channon 7, Mason 7, Jones 7, Lowe 7, Mountford 6, (Senkalski 8 — 25th).

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 6 — Curovic 6, Kyriakoulas 6, Katic 6, Hazabani 6 — Purdie 8, Balic 8, McDowell 7, Taylor 7 — Carroll 8, Simic 7.

Ralph Maier, captain of the Australian youth side that recently defeated Scotland in Mexico, could not find a place in the squad, mainly due to some sparkling performances by Michael Boogaard in his position during Maier's absence for the World Youth Championship.

During the first 45 minutes one could have been excused for thinking that the positions of the two teams in the competition were reversed.

Footscray during this period played the more creative football, with more cohesion between attack and defence. Ian Purdie and Kenny Taylor worked hard in the midfield and Vlatko Belic provided some great balls to his strikers.

However the name of the game is putting the ball in the back of the net and in that department Newcastle gave Footscray a lesson, scoring in the second and 11th minutes with two identical set pieces.



Joe Lanzoni

A floating corner from the right by David Jones found Peter Burke and his header was deflected past a helpless Boland from close range.

The second goal was an action replay of the first, only this time Boland was at fault, when he failed to hold the floating ball and Craig Mason on the far post headed it home.

At that stage Footscray picked up its game and started to string together some useful moves. Belic almost bringing one back when he found space in the penalty area but his right foot shot was just wide.

Shortly afterwards another good move was started by Belic who made ground before serving Joe Carroll but the busy striker's shot cannoned off the upright.

A goal at that stage could have changed the trend of the game because Newcastle was quite content to contain the opposition and the strong breeze Newcastle had in its favour was actually a hindrance.

Another contributing factor was actually a hindrance. Minutes of striker Bob Mountford with a leg injury. He was replaced by Joe Senkalski, forcing coach Ken Kaiser to move Mike Channon to target man and Senkalski to the midfield.

All this had a temporary unsettling effect on the side.

In the second half however, it was a different story. After six minutes Newcastle put the nail in the Footscray coffin, incredibly with another corner from the right taken by Jones. The ball floated to Burke who stood his ground and turned it into the net from two metres.

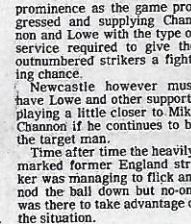
It was indeed unusual to see three goals scored from identical taken corners in the one game and coach Bobby McLachlan I am sure, will have held a Royal Commission on his defence's performance against the set pieces.

Newcastle gave a better second half performance, with Senkalski coming more into

prominence as the game progressed and supplying Channon and Lowe with the type of service required to give the outnumbered strikers a fighting chance.

Newcastle however must have Lowe and other supports playing a little closer to Mike Channon if he continues to be the target man.

Time after time the heavily-marked former England striker was managing to flick and nod the ball down but no-one was there to take advantage of the situation.



Peter Burke

Only wee Watson beats big freeze

By ANDREW DETTRE

Syd City 1
Adel City 0

Sydney City Hawks: Clarke 6, Soumess 6, Robertson 6, O'Connor 7, Cant 7, Gomez 5, Kay 6, De Marigny 5, Watson 8, Kosmina 5, Mitchell 6.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENILES: McNally 7, Cole 6, Dods 7, Banfield 7, B. Nyskohus 7, Melta 6, Blair 6, Carter 6, Mullen 5, Rankin 7, Villani 5.

Referee: Watson (90th min)

Crowd: 500 (est)

Only the immaculate control and flawless distribution by little Joe Watson could warm the hearts of the painfully small band of frozen fans. The Arctic conditions would have been ideal to gather support for the much maligned "summer soccer".

The match — or most of it — consisted of inept and useless running and poor passing.

No wonder a fan remarked: "They're playing well, really. It's only the ball that distracts them."

The first half was a shocker, possibly the worst 45 minutes we've had to endure in Sydney this season: hardly a planned move, an almost complete absence of passes strung together, two or three half chances, which never looked like goals.

If Adelaide City was content to play for a draw in the first half, it looked positively ecstatic about such a prospect in the second. It hardly bothered to cross the halfway line.

In fact, a chestnut vendor could have set a roaring business in front of Clarke's goal — had there been a large enough crowd to enjoy such a spectacle.

With Adelaide City frozen into frigid passivity, Sydney City had no option but to lurch forward.

They did this more through reflex action than conviction — and the chances began to come their way.

In the 59th minute Kosmina stole a weak Banfield backpass but rammed his shot into McNally and soon after that Kay shot wide when it seemed easier to slot the ball into the net.

Ian Soumess, frustrated by the awkwardness of his strikers, smashed a great shot against the crossbar in the 80th minute.

Finally, with 18 seconds of regulation time left, Sydney City grabbed a deserved winner.

A huge traffic jam developed in front of McNally's goal. A high ball, swirling in the wind, dropped on Kosmina's head and from there to Mitchell's foot — and his shot, some 8 metres out, sneaked into the corner.

It's difficult to blame the Sydney City players for their lethargic performance. The handful of shivering spectators stood in a cathedral-like silence, cursing themselves for not staying in their warm loungerooms.

And they were cursing Adelaide City, too. Once again they wore red numbers on their striped shirts that were totally invisible, as if they had decided to remain anonymous.

If NSL clubs set out to alienate whatever support remains for soccer with such thoughtless, indeed stupid, actions, they are on the right track.

Wallace: We're not far behind

Wollongong 0
St George 0

Venue: Zions Park.
Crowd: 1200.
Referee: Small 6.
Cautions: Pollard, Cotton, Gaffney (W).

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff — 8 Willis 6, Vilestera 7, Alna-worth 7, Pollard 8 — Korr 8, McBrean 6, Fleming 6, Gaffney 7 — Cotton 6, O'Connor 7.

St George: Greedy 7 — Skeen 7, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7, Barton 8, Stone 7, J. O'Shea 6 — Slater 6, Wilkinson 6, Marton 6 (Petkovski 68th).

This game was ruined as a spectacle by three factors — a strong wind, an unplayable surface and two tough defences. As if Zions Park's notorious pitch was not



Philip Micallef

breeze made good football almost impossible.

With the ball making all sorts of funny tricks on the ground and in the air, both teams tried hard to break the deadlock. But Wollongong's strict man-to-man defence and St George's effective zone marking left very little room for the opposing forwards.

Play was therefore mainly restricted to midfield with scoring chances few and far between.

lated thrill, Pollard did extremely well to foil Martin with a classic tackle. At the other end Mike O'Shea did well to sky the ball over his goal as McBrean was coming in for the "kill."

After the interval St George had more possession as Wollongong, not uncharacteristically, appeared to lose its composure in midfield.

But goalkeeper Vardareff made two good saves to stop Slater and Barton from scoring. In between, O'Connor was unlucky not to score his seventh league goal when his hard shot hit the woodwork with Greedy beaten.

Wollongong coach Willie Wallace said afterwards his side was still a hard team to beat despite its position in the league.

"From what I've seen of St George today, we cannot be



Welsh boost

The ailing finances of the Welsh Football Association got a real boost with a profit of around \$240,000 from its drawn game at Cardiff against Brazil which pulled in a Sunday crowd of 35,000.

Watford

Watford players returned home from their three-match tour of China loaded with presents from girl fans in Shanghai who gave them five-star treatment and were fascinated by the players' blonde hair. More than 200,000 watches Elton John's team

AND THREE STARS CAN'T GET A RUN!

Makedonia 3

Marconi 2

Goals: Ward (Mak) 2nd, Brown (Mar) 25th, Lucchesi (Mak), 34th, Henderson (Mar), 41st, Ward penalty (Mak), 57th.

Venue: Connor Reserve.

Crowd: about 3500.

Cautions: Henderson, Bozanic (Mar).

Referee: Stewart Mellings (Vic) 10.

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA:

Wilson 6 — McMillan 8, Oller-

on 6, Jones 7, Opasinski 8 —

Iliaski 6, Flavell 7, Odzakov 6,

Campbell 7 — Ward 8, Luc-

chesi 8.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD:

James 6 — Bozanic 7,

Calderson 7, Henderson 7,

Degney 7 — Carbone 7,

McCulloch 6, Sermanni 9,

Hunter 6 (Licata 60th) —

Brown 7, Jankovics 7.

Lyube Petrovski, Isaac

Farrell and George Todor-

ovski epitomise the power

of Makedonia which, ac-

cording to Marconi coach

Doug Collins, looks the lo-

gical choice for the 1983

championship.

Petrovski, Farrell and Todor-

ovski can't get into this team, which has lost only one of its past 20 matches.

Yet all have excellent credentials.

Petrovski has been with Makedonia since joining from

Yugal in 1976. He's an ex-

cellent sweeper or full back.

Farrell was bought for big

money from Canberra a few

years ago, but he's reduced to

playing in the reserves.

And Todorovski, former star

of Yugoslav First Division

club Vardar Skopje, is still out

although he's recovered from

injury.

Player-coach Peter Oller-

ton has been filling in as sweeper

during Todorovski's absence.

Petrovski is making just as

strong a bid for inclusion, but

Oller-ton says he probably

won't make any changes until

Makedonia loses a game — if

that ever happens.

Meanwhile, Makedonia is

fighting hard to have a grand-

stand built, but is having

trouble convincing the local

council to grant permission.

Marconi fought gallantly,

equalising twice against Mak-

edonia, but although it has lots

of enthusiastic runners, it

doesn't have the same ruth-



Laurie Schwab

lessness and maturity as

Makedonia, nor the clinical

finishing of Claude Lucchesi.

It does however, have one of

the finest midfielders in the

NSL.

His name is Tom Sermanni,

the former Torquay player

who was the man of the match

on Sunday.

Makedonia remains four

points clear at the top of the

ladder after its thrilling 3-2

win at Connor Reserve.

Marconi came back twice to

level the score at 2-2 at half

time before Makedonia finally

won with a penalty converted

by Gary Ward — his second

goal of the game.

Ward and Lucchesi, who

scored the other one, now have

seven goals so far this season

and are the joint top scorers in

the NSL.

Marconi coach Doug Collins

was critical of his defence for

giving away what he called

silly goals but had nothing but

praise for the well organised

opposition.

"They are very well bal-

anced in midfield and have

some hard, tough men who

make it very difficult for oppo-

nents to get close," Collins

said.

While Sermanni was the

best player of the game, Con

Opasinski, George McMillan,

Ward and Lucchesi played ex-

remely well for the home

side.

Makedonia took the lead in

the first minute when Ward

converted a corner from

George Campbell.

Then Ward put Lucchesi

through for what looked like

another goal but after the ball

had landed in the net, it was

disallowed because of an

offside decision.

Rod Brown equalised for

Marconi in the 25th minute,

running through the defence

and shooting inside the near

post. McMillan stuck his foot

out to stop it, and in doing so,

deflected it past Richard Wil-

son.

Makedonia stormed back

through Lucchesi who lobbed

the ball over the head of goal-

keeper Bruce James nine

minutes later.

But once again Marconi

equalised, this time with an

overhead kick by Tony Hen-

derson after Steve Calderon

had headed the ball forward.

The winning goal came 12

minutes after half time when

Lucchesi ran into the penalty

area and was brought down by

Henderson, resulting in a pen-

alty which was converted by

Ward.

Shortly after, Marconi re-

placed Ian Hunter with Rene

Licata and a good shot by Tom

McCulloch was well saved by

goalkeeper Wilson.

But Makedonia made three

other promising assaults on

the goal and easily could have

won by a greater margin.

First, James saved a shot by

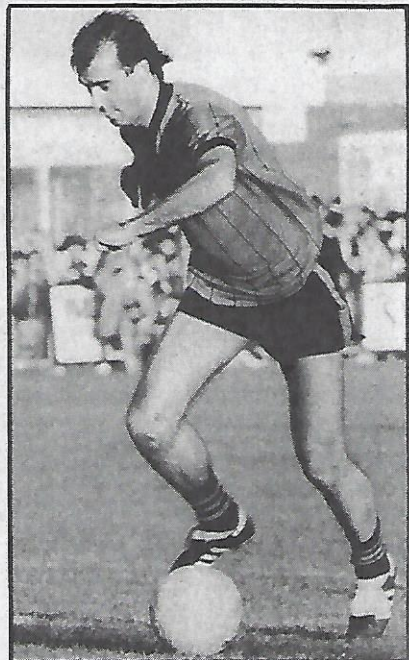
Opasinski, then he also foiled

Zarko Odzakov and with 10

minutes to go Ward almost

completed a hat-trick but his

header hit the bar.



Makedonia striker Claude Lucchesi

Linesman says goal...but, no!

West Adel 2 Brisbane Lions 1

Goals: Heys (WA) 13th,

Wright (BL) 39th, Brennan

(WA) 41st.

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Crowd: about 1600.

Referee: Browning 8.

Cautions: Kelsa, Hogg,

Niven (BL), Wormley (WA).

West Adelaide Hottas:

Crook 8 — McGregor 7, Amy

7, Hien 6, Papadopoulos 7,

Brennan 7, Atsala 7, Fenagis

6 — Heys 8, Wormley 7, Hon-

eyman 8.

Brisbane Lions: Lownds 9 —

R. Stewart 7, McClurg 7,

Hunter 8, Niven 7 — J. Stewart

7, Hogg 7, Wright 8 — Kelsa 7,

Ogden 6 (Rogers 78th) McDon-

nagh 8.

Midfielder Micky Bren-

nan's first goal of the season

gave West Adelaide a much

needed 2-1 win at Hind-

marsh.

Both teams pressed forward

swiftly in the first half, with

Lions having more than their

share of the chances but

unable to finish them off.

West Adelaide gained con-

trol of the middle of the Park

after the interval and assured

itself of the three points.

All three goals came in a

first-half flurry.

There were so many chances

that the match could have re-

sulted in a much higher score,

but a combination of poor fin-

ishing and the woodwork kept

both teams in check.

West Adelaide took the lead

after just three minutes when

winger Graham Heys collect-

ed a cross from Paul Wormley

and turned his marker neatly

before driving the ball into the

roof of the net from 10 metres.

Lions were spurred into

action and in the sixth minute

new Scottish signing Jim Mc

Donagh sprayed a volley over

the bar from eight metres.

One minute later Lions

strung together a classic

movement.

Midfielder John Stewart

crossed to Danny Wright who

headed to midfielder Steve

Hogg, but his final header

crashed against the crossbar.

In the 17th minute a volley

from West striker Graham

By FRANK PANGALLO

Honeyman beat Lions' keeper

Nigel Lownds and seemed to

cross the line before a defend-

er cleared.

But referee Mike Browning

overruled his linesman, who

flagged for a goal, and waved

play on.

Lions regained their com-

posure and exerted more pres-

sure on West's inexperienced

defence with Hogg and John

Wright latched onto a weak

backpass from West sweeper

Bill Amey to level the scores.

West Adelaide regained the

lead in the 43rd minute from a

free kick near the left-hand

corner flag.

Heys struck a low cross to

the near post where Brennan

ghosted in between a number

of defenders and guided the

ball into the net with a delicate

glancing header.

Both sides struck the

crossbar after the interval.

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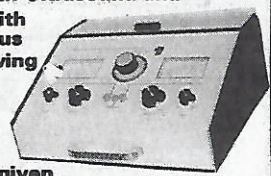
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Rival coaches Attila Abonyi of Canberra (left) and South Melbourne Hellas's Rale Rasic shake hands before Sunday's game at Middle Park which Canberra won 2-1. Rasic coached Abonyi in the

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



Welcome Best, bring on Asians

Well, Sydney Olympic and I are due to play against George Best on Sunday. I hope he turns up.

He was a great footballer once but he's been out of top competitive soccer for some time, and I reckon that signing him as a guest player doesn't say much for our soccer.

Surely we should rate ourselves more highly, by signing current stars like Kevin Keegan or Kenny Dalglish, rather than people who are well over the hill.

That aside, I hope Best brings Brisbane Lions the crowd they hope for and that he helps to improve the team while he's here.

To George Best I say welcome to Australia. I look forward to playing against you and to having a drink with you after the game.

Olympic's in top shape

With all the international competitions over, Sydney Olympic is once again at top strength, ready to give the National League a real shake.

Graham Jennings and I are back after Australia's series against England. Jim Patikas and Tony Dakos are back from the World Youth Championships in Mexico. Ricky Herbert has returned from the President's Cup where he played for New Zealand, and Peter Raskopoulos is over his ankle injury.

Competition for places in the team is keen indeed.

Everyone knows he has to play well to keep his place, and this should produce better results.

Because of Marshall Soper's suspension, I played central striker last weekend, and with Terry Patikas also pressing for a place, competition will be even stronger this week, with Soper back in contention.

Asian games needed too

Playing against teams like England can only make us better and better, because you don't know your own potential as a player on a team unless you test yourselves against the best.

Therefore, the ASF should work hard to provide us with top-class opposition from countries like Italy, West Germany, Spain, Brazil, Argentina and Holland.

Teams from those countries also create enormous interest here, and good crowds always are guaranteed.

But the Socceroos also need games against Asian opponents like South Korea, China, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait and others against whom we will have to compete in the World Cup qualifying series.

We have to find out how far they are advanced, and judging from the World Youth Championships, Korea for one, has come a long, long way.

Asian teams also would test our ability to break down defences massed against us.

Vlatko Belic ripe for the 'Roos

By LAURIE SCHWAB

National coach Les Scheinflug would be well advised to look closely at Footscray J.U.S.T.'s young midfielder Vlatko Belic when choosing his national squad for the tournament against Poland, Uruguay and Cameroon in November.

Belic has emerged this season as one of the outstanding midfielders in Australia, and he's only 21.

He is hard, fast and aggressive, he has exceptional heading ability and tackling power, he is a proven goalscorer and he's tall as well as strong.

Coach Bobby McLachlan rates him very highly, as do his team mates and everyone who has played against him.

Belic also is part of the natural process of progression to the Socceroo squad, having played in the national youth team.

He was the Victorian schools under 13 long jump champion while at Richmond High School and continued showing promise at long jump and triple jump with the St. Stephens Athletics Club.

But after a few kickabouts with friends at school, Belic decided that soccer was more fun so he joined J.U.S.T. at the age of 13 and eventually gave up athletics.

He played also at school and when he was in third form, Richmond High won the Victorian championship.

Belic was in the Victorian youth team that won the national championship by beating Western Australia in the final in 1979. With five goals, he was top scorer in the tournament.

Belic played every position from goalkeeper to left winger while with the J.U.S.T. juniors, so he has a good grounding in all aspects of the game, even though the

juniors failed to win any titles.

He was promoted to senior soccer in 1977, when he was 15.

He was the team's top scorer with 12 goals in 1978. He was switched to midfield in 1979 but still scored six times.

The then coach, Cedo Cirkovic, gave Belic his first PSL game in early 1978, against Brisbane City, because many senior players were injured.

"I was included in the squad just to make up the numbers", he remembers. "Alan Parrott was supposed to play but just before the kick-off, he told 'Cira' he wasn't fully fit and couldn't go on. Cira then grabbed me and told me I'd have to play. It happened so quickly I didn't have time to get nervous. Anyway, we lost 3-0 but I would have scored twice had it not been for the goalkeeper, and Cira told me afterwards I had played well".

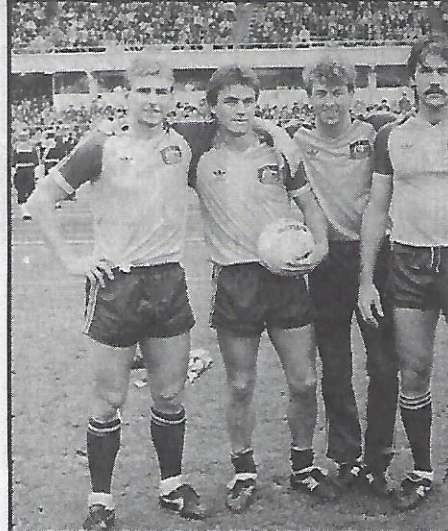
That was his only PSL appearance of 1978, and he made only two in 1979.

But coach Rocco Iile put Belic through a lot of extra training to help him improve his shooting and heading skills, and it paid off.

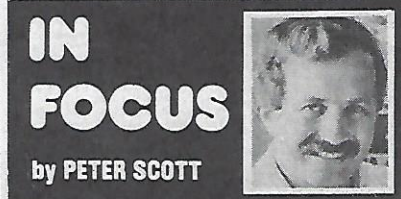
"I think Rocco was a great coach and I enjoyed working with him."

His improvement has continued at an even more remarkable rate since McLachlan took over as coach early this year.

Belic was born in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, and came to Australia when he was 11.



The Sydney City Hakoh contingent in Frank Arok John Kosmina, Jim Cant, David Mitchell, Steve O



Now Chaldi's driving cabs

Waste not, want not — that's the old adage which Les Scheinflug would do well to remember, as he reclaims the reins of the Socceroos from Frank Arok.

As my colleague Laurie Schwab pointed out in the last issue of Soccer Action, "it's a time now for stability" in the national team. Les has foreshadowed a number of changes and it obviously is logical to see the outstanding members of the youth squad progress to full international status.

After all, the young Socceroos are not an end to themselves, but a nursery for the national team — a point which was missed by some of our media commentators prior to and during the Youth World Cup in Mexico.

However, it is to be hoped that Les will not look at the ages of Arok's squad, before assessing all other factors.

I would mention one man in particular, Sydney Hakoh's Joe Watson.

At the age of 31, Joe must have been the oldest rookie to don the green-and-gold of Australia.

However, his performance overshadowed many of the younger members of the team.

The tiny Scotsman, who has been gracing our scene for over a decade now, was one of the few Socceroos who could take on and even outshine most of the Englishmen in the technical aspects of the game.

He has the uncanny ability to shield the ball in a manner which puts many of his hefty colleagues to shame, his crosses, one-twos, passes have the proverbial "eyes" and was generally able to torment and thwart the highly rated European professional opposition arrayed against him.

So Les, judge Joe Watson by his fitness, dedication, skills and performance — not the date on his birth certificate, please.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

A coach's fate is not a happy one, we might say, with apologies to Gilbert and Sullivan.

The latest proof is the departure from Canberra Arrows of George Murray.

A bitter man he may be, but he is far from unique in his predicament, as very few coaches spend any length of time with their clubs in the NSL.

What is more worrying is his statement, more or less blaming himself for being silly enough to take on a full-time job in Australian soccer.

More and more coaches and administrators are coming to similar conclusions and if this perception spreads, the long term recovery of our sport will be in serious jeopardy.

Already, behind the scenes mutterings and rumblings are emanating from the office of ASF commercial manager Peter Sheehan, alleging that he is frustrated by the negativity of the amateur administrators.

Similarly, the office of executive director or secretary of the ASF, recently filled by Brian Emery, but previously held for a record term by the very able Brian Le Ferre has never developed into the high powered and visible administrative hub of action which it should have.

Johnny Warren, the most universally recognised Australian soccer personality, and one with the knack of generating publicity, has found greener pastures in the world of the media after one or two attempts to work from the "inside".

Gerry Chaldi, Australia's Coach of the Year just a few seasons ago and almost unbelievably successful with Sydney City Hakoh over a period of several years, is nowadays contented to drive a cab around the eastern suburbs of Sydney.

Since his dramatically short stint with the impetuous West Adelaide Hellas and his subsequent return to Sydney, he has not coached at either senior or junior, professional or amateur level. These are just a few examples that quickly come to mind.

There is a brain drain in Australian soccer, but what is even more frightening is that too many of the con men and charlatans who inevitably attach themselves to the living body of soccer like so many leeches, stay around in positions of influence, year after year, decade after decade . . .

PULL THE OTHER ONE

Veteran ASF vice-president Vic Tutting is the latest administrator to hop on the media-bashing bandwagon.

Last week he blamed the media for soccer's shortcomings in the promotional side of its activities.

"We spend a lot of money on promotions," he stated, "but we are not in the same league as the VFL," he said.

"That's mainly because of the media."

If Vic believes that to be true, then I am ready to put my faith into leprechauns and tooth fairies.

Furthermore, if he is serious in his claim that "our promotions are pretty good these days", then — notwithstanding his 82 years as a player and administrator — it was time he handed over the reins to someone more in touch with present day realities and modern promotional and management methods.



Vlatko Belic

Armstrong Cup to Waverley?

Victorian club secretaries beware! If your club is playing Waverley City in the Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup this year, rule 17D of the rules governing the competition may make for interesting reading.

That rule tells you that players signed after you've been knocked out of the Dockery Cup, are not eligible to represent you in the Harry Armstrong Cup.

I'm sure that most clubs were laboring under for years, that if you didn't play in the Dockery Cup you could play in the Armstrong Cup.

Not so. Waverley has seen to that and is using this rule to its advantage. There's nothing wrong with that, but we thought we might let clubs know because Waverley was beaten in an earlier Armstrong Cup round by Prahran but successfully protested

against Prahran playing ineligible under rule 17D. Waverley then proceeded to be beaten by Moorabbin City and this week the VSF will hear Waverley's protest against the alleged ineligibility of five Moorabbin players in that match.

Incidentally, clubs can face a fine of \$200 under this rule, if the case against them is proven.

Maybe we should have said nothing and had a hefty bet on Waverley at huge odds to win the cup this year. One way or another, it is proving to be a most formidable opponent.

What we want to know, is who is the Waverley official who has access to registration and team sheet records at Soccer House, and pours over these innumerable documents for hours on end till his or her appetite for catching villains from opposing sides is fully satiated.

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WAS THE TRUMP CARD? AROK'S LOSS TO THE NATIONAL TEAM

Successful coaches have known for a long time what others seldom grasp: the secret of a team is in its construction and balance. Or, as Frank Arok put it this week: "The best national team isn't necessarily made up of the country's 11 best players."

He has proved it in the recent three-match series against England — despite heaps of early criticism about his selection methods.

Arok had the courage and vision to take apart the Soccer side which flopped twice against New Zealand earlier this year, drop "regulars" like Henderson, Blair, Niven and Janjovics and bring in players who, in his view, could contribute a precious brick to the new building.

Consequently, it's extremely difficult to argue with his selections: not one of his players turned out to be a failure.

Greedy in goal was absolutely magnificent; it's hard to see anybody dislodging him for some time. Perhaps Woodhouse, Wishart or, eventually, the young Franken could be his understudies if not Sydney Croatia's Watson.

Charlie Yankos, the kingly of the Soccerroo defence, was Arok's trump card. Few other coaches would have had the guts to make this relatively in-

experienced youngster the all-important sweeper. And yet, Yankos was a sensational success — decisively as good as the best Peter Wilson but more blessed with creative ability.

The centreface pair of Steve O'Connor and David Ratcliffe also turned out to be winners. To Arok's credit, he "discovered" O'Connor, now about 28, who's been bypassed by several national coaches and reinstated Ratcliffe, after he had been dropped by Les Scheinflug. I can't see anyone seriously challenging this trip.

The bypassing of such regulars as Steve Blair and Tony Henderson caused some raised eyebrows — yet Arok was proved right again. Nobody doubts Henderson's all-round ability but he simply didn't fit into Arok's concepts. As for Blair, I have always had some reservations about him.

At international level, he isn't sufficiently uncompromising or, if you prefer, ruthless. Mike O'Shea, Tony Dakos and Bertogna are the likely challengers, probably ahead of Blair.

After the central defenders came the two fullbacks, Alan Davidson and Graham Jennings. Davidson is the new Manfred Schaefer — with an outside heart, incredible competitive spirit more polish but a good portion of naivety.

Jennings somehow played with an aura of awe as if he couldn't believe his good fortune. He is too nice a boy to "mix it" with an opponent if he has to. And, at international level, he has to. I feel that unless he acquires a lot more cheek, he might drop out of calculations. Two very young hopefuls, David Sken and Joe Rizzotto may have a chance soon — and whatever happened to talented Robert Whitley and Howard Tredinick? Alan Niven, I'm afraid, will follow some others into Soccerroo oblivion.

If three months ago anybody would have predicted that Arok would field Joe Watson-Ken Murray, Jim Cant as his midfield, he would have been advised to see a doctor. Why, according to reputa-

tions, we were teaming with good midfielders: Henderson, Katholos, Valentine, Stone, Raskopoulos, Gary Byrne, Christopoulos and others. Yet the selected trio — with Katholos also playing some 120 minutes — was one of the cornerstones of the success.

It's a sad reflection on Arok's predecessors that he had to "find" Joe Watson, now 32 — undoubtedly the most polished and articulate player in the NSL. And Watson has been playing here for some 10 years. Even in his own club Watson is often replaced, being silently accused of lacking stamina. Against England, the little wizard was a conductor with four lungs.

Jimmy Cant and Ken Murphy were Arok's mobile, hard, busy water-carriers, the destroyers defending the battleship in the rear.

And this was the area where Byrne and Christopoulos failed so badly against the Kiwis. Peter Katholos played very well in Sydney, then his workrate fell in Brisbane — and Arok unceremoniously dumped him. A pity, as Katholos has enough talent to be Australia's ace midfielder for years to come — as I think he will be. Peter Stone played only once, briefly and adequately but it remains in contention as he is very much in the same mould as Cant and Murphy.

If you look a bit beyond the current midfield choices, the crop looks tremendously promising. Mike Valentine dropped out only because of his study commitments — so he will be back. Then there are Tom McCulloch, Jim Patikas, Peter Raskopoulos, Gerry Gomez and Oscar Grino ready to surge forward. Only their attitude and commitment will determine which ones will make it.

Finally, the strikers. Frankly, I thought John Kosmina played many notches below his best in all three matches. I also feel that it was beyond him to operate in frequent isolation, against the



Soccerroo hopeful Steve Blair (right) of South Melbourne Hellas, in action against Terry Byrne of Canberra.

massed English defenders, notably the merciless Terry Butcher.

Phil O'Connor had two wretched games, then came good in Melbourne as if to repay for his omissions. David Mitchell only played for short periods without making an impression.

As attack is notoriously the problem area of Australian soccer, it's unfair perhaps to indict this trio. Who would have done any better in their places? We simply have no truly creative strikers with finishing power and only had one or two in the past decades: the young Abonyi, then Baartz, later Alston here and there but certainly only marginally superior perhaps to today's incumbents.

Who then? Soper seems to have the wrong attitude, Janjovics is erratic, Cole is still out of action. We may have to wait for the arrivals of the young hopefuls, Lowe, Villani, Maxwell and others — but

one seriously doubts whether they will bring a vast improvement. Producing superbly skilful, imaginative strikers has never been an Australian speciality, yet this is the true hallmark of soccer skills.

On the whole, one must hope that Les Scheinflug, now that he has resumed as national coach, will not tear apart this homogeneous and well organised team. On the other hand, one must also respect his concepts and choices. All coaches are noted for their likes and dislikes even if these at times appear irrational.

What Frank Arok has done is to show, in the most graphic fashion, that it is possible to formulate a competitive and fairly successful Australian team which can hold its own even in top company. And this can be the lesson for the pre-World Cup years which are almost upon us.

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



Watch Peter surge back!

Peter Katholos will be back. At the top. And that's a promise.

This serious youngster, still only 22, has had a year of ups and downs — and most of the downs have come in soccer which he adores with such passion.

Perhaps the biggest blow was when caretaker coach Frank Arok dropped him for the third match against England. In the first tie, in Sydney, he was shining and sparkling; some of his surging runs caused disarray in the England defence.

Then, in Brisbane, he had a much quieter game — and in the second half was replaced.

"I knew I wasn't playing well but I didn't do anything wrong, either," he says. "England changed their rhythm from the first game. They did a lot of back-peddling, looking for the ball."

"Arok told me later I wasn't involved sufficiently in the game, that's why he pulled me off. Fair enough. But I was bitterly disappointed when I wasn't selected for the Melbourne game."

Katholos still wonders whether Ken Murphy's selection had anything to do with the fact that he was Melbourne-based — and happened to have his 27th birthday on match day in Melbourne.

"People who know me well enough realise just how much the Australian jersey means to me. I'd train at midnight if they asked me to. I refused some good contracts to Athens to stay in Australia, to play for Australia."

"I honestly doubt whether a Soccerroo shirt means the same thing to everybody else. I was a bit upset when, watching on TV the youth team play Scotland, some of our Scottish players barracked against our own team. That's lovely, I thought, are they Scots or Aussies preparing to face England?"

But now the bitter pill has been swallowed — and Katholos holds no grudge against Frank Arok.

"He's undoubtedly one of the best coaches in the country," he says, careful not to step on any sensitive toes. "He knows precisely what he wants from his players — and he can make them deliver. The recent results prove his class."

Katholos isn't happy with his club form either. "I know I'm not playing as well as in 1982 when I became the Player of the Year. I'd just come back from Europe where everything went wrong for me and I was determined to get to the top. And I did."

"This year Tommy Docherty wants Olympic to play a different brand of football: more team-work, less individualism, everything based on two-touch stuff."

"I'm trying to adapt my style to this as I realise that the team is more important than me. But I find it a bit difficult as for years I had a great freedom to express my own style."

This puts a lot of extra pressure on me during a match. My instinct tells me to do one thing, then I remember my instructions and try to do another. At times I don't know whether I should hold the ball or play it off quickly."

"But I think it's getting better now. I want to iron out this problem in the second half of the season."

Peter Katholos is the proud owner of a fairly new sports store at Marrickville but this, he says, doesn't influence his game at all.

"My brother helps me so I can get to training earlier than if I had a job," he says. "Even during the day I can do a bit of running if I feel the need for it."

There's nothing wrong with my fitness or dedication. Soccer means everything to me.

"I want to get back into the Soccerroo team and I know that the surest way is through a consistently good club form. I couldn't have forgotten to play in a year since I was honored by the Australian Soccer Press Association . . ."

Patikas (left) and Tony Dakos (right) at the Aztec Stadium in Melbourne. Soccerroo team their next step.

EVEN'S TELECASTS DISAPPOINTING

The soccer world in Australia has seen an unprecedented boost by the on-air performances of our Soccerroos in the last few weeks. But I must say the televised attempts Channel 7 made in telecasting games. If the aims of involving a commercial network were to attract more people to soccer, then these aims were achieved and if anything, anyone watching telecasts would have been put off almost totally. We are all aware of the enormous work the ally Corp. is doing to promote soccer in Australia but who would have thought that marketing plans would receive a jolt such as this? When it was announced that the 7 Network was to show a coverage of the three games, at first seemed an achievement since the marketing of soccer has been a media support specialty from the commercial network much to our dismay, this achievement was fruitless.

The Seven Network performed its task of presenting the series in a manner which could at best be described as disappointing. It has only caused severe embarrassment to the West Nally Corp. and to all soccer supporters in Australia.

Thinking that at least a live telecast was going to be provided of the games interstate, we were subjected to one-hour edited highlights which were put on at ridiculous times and which were both disjointed and ruined by continual commercials which perfectly show the priority given to soccer by Channel 7. Then there was Rex Mossop's commentary, inundated with incorrect information and the fear that at any stage he would tell us that England had scored a touchdown instead of a goal, (both grounds in Sydney and Brisbane in fact had horizontal lines across them which added to the confusion!) not to mention the atrocious camera work which made me wonder whether the players' apparel was of more importance than the actual play itself. If

this wasn't enough, the scorer of the GOAL in the game in Brisbane was not even given correctly at any stage of the telecast. I would dread to think what would have happened if this occurred in a game of Aussie Rules or Rugby.

To cut a long story short, Channel 7's coverage was, shoddy and suggested total disinterest by the media. The rights to the telecasts were not given to Channel 0/28 I will never know. Seven's interpretation of our game here has helped put soccer in Australia even further into obscurity, a situation which our so-called soccer administrators should have foreseen.

I hope you can find space to include this letter in your next "Soccer Action" as I am sure it represents the opinion of the majority of soccer followers.

— ROCK PORCINO, Brunswick (Vic.)

LET'S GIVE LUCCHESI A GO

We are writing this letter to express concern that in reality the road to Australia for the next World Cup has been a bit of a dead end. The replacement of Mackay and Abonyi, all of whom had creativity and imagination? In short, a team had commitment and performed in the 1983 team has commitment but no performance so far. The in-depth search should be for players who possess the qualities of the above-mentioned players. May we draw your attention the most under-rated

player in Australia, Claude Lucchesi. He has abundant skills, dazzling footwork and the ability to not only engineer goals but score them as well, which is proven by his equal leadership in the goals tally at present. However his greatest asset is his versatility. Although a natural midfielder, he has taken on the role of forward. Many midfielders have been tried as forwards, performing well only temporarily, then finding themselves back in midfield. However Lucchesi has performed well consistently. How can the top team at present in the N.S.L. not have at least one representative in the Australian team? Maybe the selectors should ask themselves, "Who is scoring the goals that has put Preston on top?" Recently, we had the English team here and rather than learning from the experience, in

reality Australian soccer has taken a step backwards. In front of 28,000 people in Sydney, Australia was content with passing back to the keeper in the last 30 minutes, instead of experimenting. As the saying goes "Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

These tactics show that our coaches do not have the faith in the players to instruct them to play imaginative soccer. So why not select players who can?

Let's cast our minds back to the imagination showed by Jim Mackay with his brilliant goal against South Korea to put Australia into the 1974 World Cup. This proves that positive-ness always wins out against negativity.

— LES VOGLIS (Bulleen) & CHRIS KROUSORATIS (Lalor)



PATRICK



'Keegan' screw-in

\$89⁹⁹



'Stabil'

\$64⁹⁹



'Keegan Star' moulded sole

\$79⁹⁹

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ALWAYS FIRST WITH THE BEST



England international right back Phil Neal (right) being presented with a windcheater by Sunbury president Arnie Andrew.

England star at Sunbury

England and Liverpool star Phil Neal took time off from his busy training schedule to pay a visit to Sunbury United before the recent international against Australia.

Club officials introduced their visitor to junior and senior members and Neal took extra time to talk to and encourage the younger players.

He said that soccer needs a strong and well-organised youth policy to stand any chance of succeeding at senior international level.

"Junior players must stay in the game during that transition period between junior and senior levels", he said.

His one message to the many Sunbury juniors in attendance was: "Keep on playing."

Sunbury president Arnie Andrew presented Neal with a club training windcheater and an honorary membership card.

"Now you'll be able to enter our \$280,000 clubrooms at any time," commented Mr Andrew at the presentation.

"Next time perhaps we'll be able to entertain you to dinner."

Mighty MacLean!

MORWELL FALCONS 5 (MacLean 33rd, 43rd, McGuinness 29th, O'Callaghan 51st, Mitten 60th) **POLONIA 1** (Przybyla 36th). Dockerty Cup second round. Second game of a double header at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday.

MORWELL FALCONS: White-side 7 - Ringham 7, Higham 6, Irvine 7, Train 8 - Young 5, MacLean 9 (ing. Plummer 79th), O'Callaghan 7 - Mitten 8, Evans 8, McGuinness 8.

POLONIA: Lukac 5 - Liplarski 5, MacKuske 6, Jaworski 7, Smolenski 8 - Lukac 6 (Marshall 55th, 61, A. Czapnik 5 (P. Czapnik H.T. 6), Mile 4, Petrov 6 - Krynski 7, Przybyla 7.

When the teams lined up, the midfield confrontation between classy Stefan Milla and talented Jim MacLean looked intriguing but after just five minutes turned into a no-contest with MacLean giving Milla a hiding.

The features of this game were the performance of Jacky and Hyde Falcons who showed a tendency to panic at the back, and the lack of fight in opponent Polonia.

Early on though it was the Polish sponsored outfit which looked more dangerous with Milla forcing Bill Whiteside into a fine save in the fourth minute and young George Petrov striking a 35 metre shot which hit the underside of MacLean and was scrambled clear. Gradually tough tackling Morwell, with MacLean and Jim Train leading the way in this department, got on top of Polo-

nia, and a series of brilliant goals eventuated.

In the 29th minute, a superb Alun Evans' chip to the near post was headed down by Noel Mitten to unmarked Bobby McGuinness who cracked a low shot into the right hand corner of goal.

Four minutes later Morwell went 2-0 ahead. A great run down the right by Harry Bingham saw the Falcons' right back cross to McGuinness who rolled the ball back to MacLean and the Morwell midfielder filled his low shot, from outside the area, into the far corner.

Janusz Przybyla pulled one back for Polonia in the 36th minute after he made a diagonal run across the Morwell penalty area and stroked the ball inside the far post.

Morwell restored its two goal cushion in the 43rd minute with a great goal from MacLean. Eric Young's cross from the right was dragged down by Evans and touched off to MacLean whose cracking first time drive from 22 metres sent the ball cannoning into the top left hand corner.

Six minutes into the second stanza Falcons went further ahead. Jim Train made a run on the left, passed inside to MacLean who played the ball to John O'Callaghan and his dipping lob deceived Mike Lukac and went into goal off the underside of the Polonia crossbar.

The rout was completed in the 60th minute. Evans sent Mitten through and the ex-Melbourne Croatia striker drilled the ball into the far corner with the outside of his boot.

— MICK O'BRIEN

ROB CULLEN TO JUVE?

Green Gully Ajax can make Polonia's grip on a top four spot even more tentative after it meets the Polish sponsored outfit at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

Polonia coach Mike Lynn experimented with a classy Stefan Milla in midfield in his club's Dockerty Cup clash with Morwell last weekend. The experiment failed and Lynn looks likely to return Milla to his customary 'sweeper' role against Ajax.

When these clubs met in the opening match of this State League season, Lynn assigned markers for Ajax's front runners Bobby Toal and Paul Lewis and there's little reason to doubt that he will use the same tactic again. Polonia earned a 1-1 draw in that first match and Ajax coach Len McKendry wasn't overjoyed with Lynn's after match comments. I've got no doubts that McKendry will drill into his players the importance of this confrontation.

If Morwell's bandwagon is starting to roll, I hope there's room left for me. I owe coach Tony Boggi \$10 after Falcons' triumph over Polonia last Sunday and I'm not game to back Croydon to return from North Crinigan Reserve on

Saturday with the points. If Morwell has rekindled the attacking prowess it showed last year and if Morwell can contain the threat of Steve Irvine, Gus Macleod and Joe Sweeney and if Morwell gets the upper hand in midfield through Jim MacLean and John O'Callaghan, then it should win.

Juventus will find rejuvenated Sunshine-George Cross a handful at Olympic Park No. 1 on Saturday. Both clubs were in the race to sign Rob Cullen from Presiding Macedonia as we went to press but the reported asking fee of \$8000, albeit negotiable, was proving prohibitive. Juventus though, was favored to clinch his signature.

I expect Juventus to win here, not before the threat of Mick McGorian, Carl Gilder and Roger Bain causes a few heart flutters on the Juve bench.

Ringwood Wilhelmina must beat Doveton on Sunday at Jubilee Park if it is to climb into

Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

a respectable position on the league ladder. I don't think that there's a great deal between these teams but after watching Wilhelmina last weekend I'm tipping the Dutch sponsored club to come out on top.

Box Hill is a tough nut to crack at home. Fawknar will find this out when it travels to Wembley Park on Sunday. There's an injury cloud hanging over the availability of Box Hill striker Paul Presley, who strained his hamstring against Rosanna in the Dockerty Cup. Should he play against Fawknar, alongside attacking cohort Peter Verechia, a player with a great future, then Box Hill should win. This pair is one of the youngest striking duos in State League. They also are one of the best.

In other games, Melbourne Croatia should prove too strong for Albion Rovers at Olympic Park on Sunday and Northcote should tip off fellow

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CROATIA	10	2	1	35	5	22
JUVENTUS	10	1	2	26	6	21
G.G.AJAX	8	4	1	28	6	20
POLONIA	7	4	2	24	12	18
Croydon	6	3	4	22	15	15
Box Hill	6	2	5	18	16	14
Northcote	6	2	5	17	27	14
Fawknar	5	3	5	20	22	13
Morwell	5	1	6	19	25	13
S.G. Cross	5	1	7	21	23	11
Doveton	3	2	8	15	28	8
Albion	1	4	8	6	18	6
Wilhelmina	2	1	10	9	25	5
S.M. Hellas	0	2	11	13	42	2

Greek sponsored outfit, South Melbourne Hellas, at John Cain Reserve also on Sunday. Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
JUVENTUS v Sunshine-George Cross at Olympic Park No. 1, 3pm.
MORWELL FALCONS v Croydon at North Crinigan Reserve, 3pm.

SUNDAY
MELBOURNE CROATIA v Albion Rovers at Olympic Park, No. 1, 3pm.
NORTHCOTE v S.M. Hellas at John Cain Reserve, 3pm.
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA v Doveton at Jubilee Park, 3pm.
AJAX v Polonia at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm.
BOX HILL v Fawknar at Wembley Park, 3pm.

Wilhelmina on way up

Ringwood Wilhelmina, the Dutch sponsored club with a proud and enviable place in the history of Victorian soccer, is about to embark upon a new era, one which the club's new committee expects to be filled with success.

Already, Wilhelmina has secured an \$80,000 sponsorship over four years from an unnamed influential Dutch businessman and is on the threshold of clinching a major sponsorship deal with a large Dutch based company.

John van Hoboken, whose administrative and financial ties with the club are unparalleled in Australian club soccer, no longer is president but remains as a club patron.

"All of us on the committee respect Mr van Hoboken for what he has done for our club and we hope that he can continue to support us in any way possible," said club chairman Bill Wanner.

The new committee was formed on an interim basis last year and officially took over the administrative reins of the club in April this year. It consists of Wanner, secretary Hans Lechner, treasurer Hans Vermeir, Wessel Boschlieter, Gerald Bakker and Kees Kos.

The Dutch community in Melbourne is loosely estimated to be 35,000 strong and already cannot wait to see the club's new positive signs that many Dutch people are becoming interested in being involved with the club.

We are slowly but surely increasing our support base and if the Dutch community throws its considerable weight behind us then I'm confident that we can establish ourselves as a force in the State League," said Wanner.

Wilhelmina expects to be formed into a company by the end of next month and earlier this week Wanner submitted plans on long-term extensions to council approval. The club will use a lot of its own voluntary labor in the project which could cost around \$35,000.

Membership has more than doubled this season and the new committee is confident of developing Wilhelmina into one of Victoria's major clubs.

Three goal Garvey, Gibson great

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 6 (Garvey 30th, 79th, 85th, Penna 40th, Gibson 72nd, Nyholt 74th) **MELBOURNE 1** (Hibbit 82nd) Dockerty Cup second round. Second game of a double header at Wembley Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Jensen 6, Pessman 6, Brooks 6, Penna 7, G. Haupt 6, Bakker 7, Gibson 9, Burton 7, Thom 7, Nyholt 7, Garvey 8.

MELBOURNE: Barbas 4 - Szabo 5, Bird 6, Gassman 6, Cerra 5 - Tapal 6, Wild 5, Carlisle 5, Armstrong 6, O'Connell 6 - Scott 5 (Hibbit H.T. 81, Ward 6).

No-one at Wilhelmina could remember the last time the Dutch sponsored club scored six goals in a State League match or Dockerty Cup game. Coach Nick van Egmond jogged his memory and recalled a 5-1 win over South Melbourne Hellas some years back and a 7-7 draw with Hellas in the early 1970's.

So this game may mark a

milestone in the last decade of the club's history and the new committee certainly hopes that this is just the start of a resurgence of interest in the club sparked by a revitalisation of its on-field fortunes.

David Brooks was superb at the back. Eddie Penna scored a stunning long range goal.

Young John Nyholt showed some first class touches up front and alongside him, hat-trick hero Neil Garvey definitely looks like being a good buy. Guy Bakker impressed with his running ability while Brian Thom's crosses posed big problems for the Melbourne defence. However, no-one outshone little midfielder Dave Gibson who is a fine player. His ball disposal is first class, he lays the ball off and is quick to support and constantly encouraged others around him.

And while all of this was happening, two good players in Kenny Stewart and David Cork were watching from the sideline. Stewart was injured and Cork was serving an automatic one week suspension. Their availability for this week's

game suggests that van Egmond is facing welcome selection problems.

Wilhelmina though won't get carried away by this win. Van Egmond will see to that. The club still has a way to go as it strives to establish itself in State League but the signs clearly are most encouraging.

Melbourne matched Wilhelmina early and should have taken the lead when young Ernie Tapai played a superb through ball behind the Wilhelmina defence for striker Danny Ward who was denied a goal by advancing Rick Jansen getting the faintest of touches to the ball and sending it fractionally wide of the near post.

Wilhelmina hit the front not long after when Garvey turned out on a misused Gibson shot and struck the ball past a couple of defenders and under the body of Marcello Barbas.

With five minutes remaining in this half, Penna ran onto the ball 30 metres out and thumped a rising drive which thudded into the net just inside the top corner for a staggering goal.

Wilhelmina had to wait until

the 72nd minute for its third goal. It came after Brooks took a short free kick near the half way line to Gibson who laid the ball off then charged toward the Melbourne area. The little midfield dynamo received possession about 20 metres out and let go a left foot shot which Barbas looked to have covered. The Melbourne goalie only could hang his head in shame as the ball slipped out of his hands at short height and trundled into goal.

Nyholt's fine lunging header at the near post from a Bakker cross made it 4-0 then Garvey scored a superb solo goal. He picked up the ball on the left, got in a great turn which left a defender stranded, scooped past another opponent as he entered the area then sidestepped Barbas and smacked the ball into the empty net.

Hibbit scored a minor consolation goal for Melbourne after Ward's hard shot struck the underside of the bar but Wilhelmina hit back straight away as Garvey bagged his third and his side's sixth and final goal.

Diamantaris to quit?

the first being a morale shattering blow as it came from a blatant off-side.

"Last year," Diamantaris said, "We achieved good results with the State League team, finishing sixth on the ladder, but I was accused of having spent too much money. As a result, the central committee this year decided to take more direct control of my team, especially the buying and selling of players. They sold all the experienced players against my wishes. Months ago, when the picture was becoming clear, I told them we would be lucky to win one game in the State League with the inexperienced team we were left with."

During the week Hellas transferred midfielder John Bitsonis to Caulfield for \$1,500. On Sunday the team had probably its best game of the season by holding Green Gully to a 2-2 draw after normal time. A new defensive line up

with Vlado Bozinoski as libero, Vardaxis as stopper and Kafalidis sweeping up front, had contained Green Gully's forward line to only two goals despite long periods of pressure in the first half. In the second half, South's defence was even steeper and reserve keeper Mark Turudia saved everything that filtered through. Two well taken chances gave South's youngsters the opportunity to even up the score.

In the 73rd minute Peter Lewis made a blunder in kicking the ball against Steve Kantonis, obviously attempting to gain a throw in, but the forward smothered the ball with his body and raced unmarked into the box leaving Hobgen no alternative but to fly from the other side and bring Kantonis down. Bozinoski coolly slotted in the resulting penalty.

In the 81st minute Kafalidis scored an incredible goal

with a thunderbolt from 40 metres.

In the first half Green Gully had headed in from corner in the 27th minute and Paul Lewis had slotted in from a Smallman back pass in the 40th minute.

In the first minute of extra time Paul Lewis received the ball in an off-side position and with South defence stopping expecting the flag to go up, drew the keeper then squared to Smallman to push into the empty net. The goal upset the Hellas' players who put the linesman and the referee under seige, the only result being loss of heart and concentration. Seven minutes later Smallman headed in from a Vassallo pass and with five minutes to go Hobgen overlapped and passed to Smallman who set up Paul Lewis for his hat-trick.

— ROCKY DI ZIO

GREEN GULLY AJAX 5

(Smallman 27th, 91st, Paul Lewis 40th, 98th, 105th)

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2

(Bozinoski penalty 73rd, Kafalidis 81st) after extra time. Dockerty Cup second round. First game of a double header at Olympic Park, Sunday.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 6 - Peter Lewis 6, Short 6 (Kramis HT 5), Connell 7, Hobgen 7 - Boyle 6, Vassallo 6, Williams 7 - Toal 6, Smallman 7, Paul Lewis 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

S.M. HELLAS: Turudia 7 - Antzakis 5, Bozinoski 7, Vardaxis 6, Postogiorgiou 6, Van Egmond 6, Kafalidis 6, Bakker 6, Cummings 6 - Kafalidis 5 (Kassidis 5, 34th), Kantonis 6. Coach: Jim Armstrong.

From hockey to soccer

By WALTER PLESS

Rapid-Wreot Point (Tas.) winger, Dale Blake, 23, started playing soccer only when he was 18 years old. A hockey player, Dale used to kick a soccer ball around in the lunch hour with the other kids at school and finally decided to give the game a try.

He signed with Rapid and played in its under 17 team before transferring to Taroon St. Mirren, where he stayed for four years as a member of its senior team.

In 1979 he returned to Rapid and he has been a regular in the senior side ever since, attracting the attention even of several Mainland clubs with some of his displays.

Ken Morton was coach of Rapid during Dale's first season at the club and (picture) regards the club's league and Ampol Cup double that year as the highlight of his career. Injury struck in 1980, however. A knee liga-

ment injury restricted his appearances to a mere three games.

Blake regards himself as a maker of goals rather than as a scorer. Last season he scored a solitary goal while this year he is doing better. Ironically, his first two this year came from the left foot of this naturally right-footed player.

He has been an inspiration to his team mates this year. He has turned in solid performances for a team that is struggling a bit after losing several key players in the summer. "It's a bit frustrating at the moment," he says. "We haven't been able to put away our chances and yet we've had so much of the play."

It might just be that Blake will have to score a few more goals himself instead of just making them. The quality of his goals so far shows that he's got the ability to show his team mates how it's done.



Fawknar fails to flatter

FAWKNER 3 (Palinkas penalty 25th, Anselma 58th, B. Sabidussi 78th) **WESTERN SUBURBS 0**. Dockerty Cup second round. First game of a double header at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Tarsini 7 - Favore 7, Tarsini 8, Kondorides 6, Scipano 6 - Palinkas 6, Sabidussi 6, B. Sabidussi 6 - Palinkas 6, Anselma 7, Cozzello 7.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Johnston 8 (Anselmowski 70th) - Borg 6, Lekkas 7, Howe 7, Mathew 6 - Dimovski 7, Constantinos 6, Papachristodoulou 6 - Farmer 6, Gilmour 7.

A sluggish Fawknar struggled to put its game to-

gether for long period and it only was late in the piece, when Western Suburbs tired, that Fawknar got well on top.

Suburbs had two clear-cut chances, in the 30th and 65th minutes, but Dimovski and Brendon Farmer failed to make anything out of either opportunity. If they had, then Fawknar could have found itself embarrassed.

Fawknar's opening goal came from the pen spot after defender Mathew fouled Mel Anselma inside the area. Joe Palinkas converted.

A superb Palinkas break down the right in the 58th

minute led to Fawknar's second goal. The former J.U.S.T. and Brisbane City winger, best Hugh Howe but was forced wide by goalkeeper Bill Johnston. Palinkas crossed to Bruno Cozzello who headed down and Anselma's first term shot found the far corner of the Suburbs' goal.

Another good Palinkas break down the right in the 78th minute led to Fawknar's final goal. Palinkas was fouled by Stuart Gilmour but referee Gaut correctly played the advantage, with Palinkas crossing low to the near post where Bruno Sabidussi knocked the ball into the bottom corner of goal.

— MICK O'BRIEN

DOVES IN QUARTERS

DOVETON 3 (M. Lennon 9th, Watson 53rd, Storton 64th) NORTHCOLE 1 (Tsetsos 38th). Dockerty Cup second round. Second game of a double header at Monterey Boulevard, Sunday.

DOVETON: Keogh 6, Thurlow 6, Curran 7, Buchanan 7, Miller 8, Watson 7, Webster 8, Criddle 5 (P. Lennon 56th) - Bartlett 7, Storton 6, M. Lennon 5 (inj. Waite 70th).

NORTHCOLE: Ostrowsky 5 - Cutler 7, Boskic 5, Cranny 7, Mihos 5, Wilson 8, Moore 8, Wright 7 - Sahinidis 7, Tsetsos 4 (Quigley H.T. 7), Patistinos 3 (Collins H.T. 7).

Northcole hit the post four times and the crossbar once but its defensive ineptitude cost it dearly as Doveton grabbed a Dockerty Cup quarter-final berth with this 3-1 victory.

The Doves hit the front after just nine minutes. George Boskic and John Creany hesitated as a long ball was played into the Northcole area. Goalkeeper Larry Ostrowsky came out of goal and tried to gather but the ball went under his body with young Mark Lennon in pursuit and the Doveton winger had no trouble striking it into the gaping goal.

A Steve Moore chip in the 25th minute struck the bar and three minutes later Moore bent a free kick around Doveton's defensive wall only to watch in dismay as the ball struck the base of the upright.

But Northcole got back on level terms in the 38th minute. Mark Wilson passed to Moore inside the Doveton area. The talented Northcole midfielder was under pressure from Bill Buchanan but still was able to knock the ball back to Spiro Tsetsos who scored from close range. Two minutes before the interval Northcole's run of outs continued when Wilson got clear on the left of the area, pushed the ball past advancing Keogh but struck the post.

Moore again shot against the post in the 53rd minute. The ball was cleared upfield and Graham Watson received possession, confronted by young George Mihos. Mark Lennon made an off-the-ball run and with him in the middle Watson shot low from an angle, past Ostrowsky to put Doveton 2-1 up.

The Doves wrapped up the contest in the 64th minute when Ian Johnston locked the ball in, about six metres out, turned Boskic and slammed the ball home.

With five minutes left it was the turn of Jim Sahinidis to hit the post.

BOX HILL 3 (Azzopardi 30th, McDonald 60th, Verachia 65th) ROSANNA 0. Dockerty Cup second round. First game of a double header at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 6 - J. Roadhouse 3, Brownlie 7, Gabrielson 7, A. Roadhouse 7 - Hughes 7, Ramos 7, McDonald 8 (Lawler 20th) - Azzopardi 7, Verachia 7, Priestley (inj. Taylor 18th 7).

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Both players in red shirts must have appreciated the meaning of the event by storming the Metro league team of the N.S.L. club and scoring three goals (all by Gojevic) in the first 14 minutes.

But the opposition was kept from subjugated and kept slogging away. The result was a 7-2 victory.

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2-0: 4th minute: Hannah lifts the ball in the opposing penalty box and Gojevic promptly connects to score again.

3-0: 14th minute: Cumming sends a low corner kick into the box and Gojevic is one more on hand to push in from one metre.

3-1: 23rd minute: scramble in front of Blasby and Gagic pushed the ball into the Croatian net.

4-1: 24th minute: Brogan scores with scissor kick from inside the penalty box.

4-2: Velecky beats Blasby with a well taken free kick from just outside the box.

5-2: 32nd minute: Latif scores from a Cumming pass.

6-2: Blavler gives Gojevic from the right and the youngster slots in his fourth for the day.

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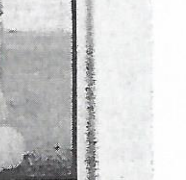
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New World Cup format, Catholic ban investigated

Major changes may be made for the closing stages of the 1986 World Cup final in Mexico. Hermann Neuberger and his World Cup organising committee are proposing that a knock-out system be introduced from the quarter-final stages. And they also want the decider for third and fourth place to be dropped.

Cruyff switch

Feyenoord, the Dutch First Division club, says it agreed basic terms for a one-year contract with Johan Cruyff, who wanted \$700,000 to stay with Ajax.

Docherty

According to James Mossop, the "Sunday Express" soccer writer who has been in Australia with the England team, Tommy Docherty, presently bossing Sydney Olympic, has

made a formal application for the vacant manager's post with Manchester City. But David Pleat, the young Luton boss, is favorite for the post and another name being bandied around is that of Billy McNeill of Celtic.

Bettega

Roberto Bettega, the Juventus star who recently joined Toronto

Dropping like flies

IT'S exactly a year ago since the 1982 World Cup finals kicked off in Spain. In that short time the managers of the finalists have been falling like ninetails.

ALGERIA — Russian coach Yevgeni Rogov was dismissed just prior to Spain. His successor, Rachid Mekoufi, fared no better. He was sacked immediately after the finals.

ARGENTINA — Cesar Luis Menotti was allowed to join Barcelona with former Estudiantes hatched man Carlo Bilardo taking over.

AUSTRIA — Like Algeria, they replaced Karl Stotz before the finals. New man Felix Latzka failed to survive. Erich Hof is now in charge.

BELGIUM — Guy Thys is still there, his sixth year in office.

KUWAIT — Carlos Alberto's return to his homeland opened the way for another Brazilian, former World Cup star Mario Zagallo to take over.

NEW ZEALAND — Englishman John Adhead is out.

NORTHERN IRELAND — Billy Bingham still rules, O.K.

PERU — Not even sentiment could save the 71-year-old Tim Elba de Padua Lima.

POLAND — Piechietek wanted out. But as the Poles didn't think they had anyone better he was ordered to stay.

SCOTLAND — Still Jock Stein and who'd bet against him again being in charge for their '86 campaign?

SPAIN — Jose Santamaria has been replaced by former Real Madrid colleague Miguel Munoz.

U.S.S.R. — Former Moscow Dynamo striker Konstantin Beskov failed. Valerij Lobanowski is now in their "red" hot seat.

WEST GERMANY — Still Jupp Derwall, only the German's fourth manager in 50 years.

YUGOSLAVIA — Miljan Miljanovic had to go. Replacement is former World Cup striker Todor Veselinovic.

BRAZIL — Failure in Spain was always going to cost Tele Santana his job. Carlos Alberto Parreira, who managed Kuwait in Spain, is now manager.

CAMEROONS — Former French World Cup winger Jean Vincente has departed the scene.

CHILE — Five years in charge went for nothing. So Luis Santibanez is another forgotten manager.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — Josef Venglos was sacked when the Czechs failed to get past the first phase. Josef Hlavnenek is now in the driving seat.

EL SALVADOR — Mauricio Rodriguez is still the man.

ENGLAND — Ron Greenwood always said he'd retire after the finals. In fact, successor Bobby Robson was actually named while England were still involved.

FRANCE — Michel Hidalgo is still there. Now in his ninth year as manager.

HONDURAS — Chelada Herrera was axed not long after he returned home.

HUNGARY — Kalman Meszoly survived a poor World Cup, but their dreadful showing in the European Championship was the last straw.

ITALY — You're only as good as your last game. And Enzo Bearzot's case that has never been more true. Winning the World Cup counts for nothing, especially when you haven't won a game since. He's just hanging on.

Blizzards, chalked up 42 caps for Italy which equals the appearance record of the great Gigi Riva.

Rangers probe

FIFA has launched an investigation into the player signing policy operated by Glasgow Rangers. FIFA has sent a dossier to the Scottish Football Association which contains allegations that Rangers have a sectarian policy and asked for comments and an explanation. It is well known, especially in Scotland, that Ibrox Stadium is a closed shop to Catholics.

McCoist

Two years ago Sunderland piped Glasgow Rangers when it paid \$700,000 for St Johnstone's 18-year-old midfielder Ally McCoist. Now 20, McCoist has joined the Ibrox club for \$400,000.

26 shot

A guard at a soccer match in Catania, Sicily, emptied an automatic shotgun at a group of fans who were insulting him — killing one, and injuring 25.

Nicholas

Charlie Nicholas, the 52-goal Celtic striker whose transfer to Arsenal cost the Gunners around \$1.3 million, has a contract worth \$1 million over the next four years. And Nicholas's promotion and commercial deals are already netting him a packet.

Several West German clubs are on the verge of bankruptcy and European champion Hamburg could only make a \$400,000 offer for Charlie Nicholas.

Celtic has already snapped up a successor to Charlie Nicholas in 15-year-old Ayrshire boy Douglas McGuire who was outstanding for Scotland in its 2-2 draw with England Schoolboys at Wembley.

Home gates

The Football League in England is to follow its counterpart in Scotland by allowing home clubs to keep all their

gate receipts. And the bottom four in the Fourth Division — Hartlepool, Crewe, Hereford and Blackpool — were all relegated.

Aberdeen

European Cup-Winners' Cup champion Aberdeen has brought 26-year-old St. Mirren midfielder Billy Stark for a modest \$140,000.

Sack Stein

With about a year to go before nations get down to the job of qualifying for the 1986 World Cup finals there has been a demand in some quarters in Scotland that Jock Stein should go and take his players with him. And some urge that youngsters like Paul McStay (Celtic), Eric Black (Aberdeen) and David McPherson (Rangers) should be blooded for the forthcoming matches against Uruguay, Belgium, East Germany and Northern Ireland.

Falcao stays

Brazilian star Falcao, one of the stars of the 1982 World Cup, seems set after months of speculation to stay with Roma for at least another season.

Haan home

Former Ajax and Dutch international Arie Haan is back in Holland after eight years with Anderlecht and Standard Liege. The 34-year-old midfielder, one of Holland's stars in the 1978 World Cup, has signed a one-year contract with PSV Eindhoven.

Channon

Mike Channon, that much-capped England striker who is guesting with Newcastle KB, is the toast of Norwich City. For the former Manchester City and Southampton star virtually inspired the Canaries to come back from the dead to a respectable position in the First Division. Channon, 35 in November, must

be chucking after the other Newcastle in Geordieland allowed him to leave after a month's trial.

Best's love

George Best and his girlfriend Mary Stavin, ex-Miss World, are back together again. Australian fans will see Best in action from this week as he is due to play three games for Brisbane Lions.

Toluca out

Toluca, Mexico's highest city at 9000 ft, has been axed as a venue for the 1986 World Cup. FIFA used Toluca for the World Youth Championships but too many players were in distress at the high altitude.

Pope's plea

The Pope has told Italian soccer champion Roma to be "worthy" of the love of its avid fans, and said: "Besides your talent, fans also unconsciously look at your moral merits and your values."

Palace catch

Crystal Palace has signed Arsenal keeper George Wood on a free transfer. A year ago Wood, who has several caps for Scotland, was in Jock Stein's squad and the past season has played more first team games for the Gunners than Pat Jennings.

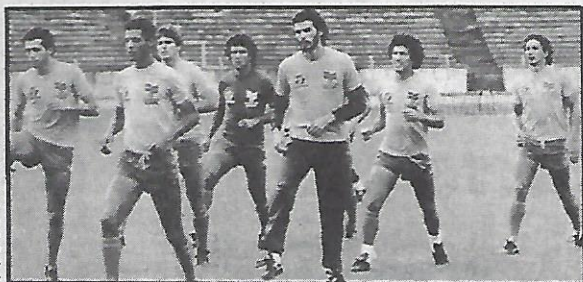
Hoddlie

Latest news on Glenn Hoddlie is that Italy's ban on foreign players after June 9 does not apply to promoted Second Division clubs AC Milan and Lazio — two big money outfits. But any moves must be made by the deadline of June 30. Joe Jordan, leading scorer for AC Milan, has another year of his contract to run with the club.

Grog ban

FIFA has slapped a complete ban on alcoholic drinks in the 1986 World Cup soccer grounds in Mexico.

SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD



Brazil in Europe — at right three of the 1982 World Cup stars, Socrates, Batista and Eder

BRAZIL UNBEATEN

Substitute Jorginho scored in the 76th minute to salvage a 3-3 draw with Sweden in Gotenborg last week as Brazil wound up its four-game European tour with an unbeaten record.

In earlier games, Brazil whipped Portugal 4-0, tied Wales 1-1 and beat Switzerland 2-1. Rookie defender Marcio and centre-forward Careca scored the other Brazilian goals in Sweden. Striker Dan Corneliusson tallied twice to pace the Swedes to a 3-2 half-time lead. Glenn Hysen scored the other goal for Sweden.

It was a sparkling display of high-scoring soccer, but the game ended on a sour note as Brazilian Eder was sent off the field after a fist fight with only two minutes left.

Eder clashed with Swedish defender Ingemar Erlundsson and Danish referee Henning Lund-Sorensen ordered Eder off.

The match marked the 25th anniversary of Brazil's first-ever World Cup triumph won by all-time great Pele. Brazil trounced Sweden 5-2 in Stockholm to win the 1958 Cup final.

Brazil, eliminated by eventual champion Italy in last year's World Cup in Spain, is unbeaten under new coach Carlos Alberto Parreira. Before the European tour, Brazil beat Chile 3-2.

Nevin: Butcher's cousin

By PAUL MOON

One Scottish youth player who was not surprised by the ability of Australia in Mexico is winger Pat Nevin.

For Nevin was fully briefed on the young Aussies by Clyde teammate John McVeigh, once of Brisbane City, and he expected a tough battle in Toluca.

Nevin has made remarkable progress since being rejected by Celtic three years ago.

As a 12-year-old, the diminutive flanker signed with Celtic Boys' Club, a prolific source of raw talent for Parkhead. His contemporaries during three seasons at the club included Jim McNally, Paul McStay, Danny Craigne and Charlie Nicholas.

Nevin though was not asked to pull the famous green and white hoops over his head. Instead he joined Gartcosh Juniors.

Only a few weeks after Celtic had declined to sign him, the Glaswegian spent a



Pat Nevin

fruitless week trialling at Ipswich Town.

The Ipswich sojourn was arranged by English international centre back Terry Butcher — a second cousin.

There is little family resemblance, as Butcher stands at 6ft 4ins and Nevin only 5ft 4ins.

Having failed to interest either Celtic or Ipswich, Nevin resigned himself to a future in amateur soccer and concentrated upon education — accumulating an impressive list of academic achievements.

He was still making waves on the soccer pitch though, for Gartcosh had a very accomplished team, winning a prestigious invitation tournament in Canada.

Nevin's big break came shortly after returning home. Gartcosh defeated Clyde Reserves 4-2 in a friendly game manager Craig Brown signed four members of the opposition on the spot, including their left winger!

His senior debut came soon afterwards, scoring with only the second touch of the ball in a pre-season friendly against Sheffield United.

Still, he did not get an immediate chance to perform in the Scottish League, but when given an extended run, responded with nine goals in his first 10 games.

From that point on, it was all systems go! Nevin won a first international youth cap against West Germany midway through the 1981-82 season, during which he was named "Second Division Player of the Year". Following a poll among members of the Scottish Professional Footballers' Association.

His fame spread further in the UEFA Youth Cup. Scotland lifted the coveted trophy, while its forceful, intelligent winger won the player of the tournament accolade.

ital strangeness of Europe and its football and long stints on the substitutes' bench. Rufer came through to snatch nine league goals and was instrumental in Zurich ultimately salvaging fourth place — enabling it to qualify for the 1983-84 UEFA Cup.

Although like the majority of Swiss League players, a part-timer, Rufer reported his bonuses to be "unreal" — certainly more than the figure Hakoah decided was prohibitive when negotiating with the Kiwi last year.

Rufer, who was born in New Zealand of a Swiss father, is currently holidaying in Wellington and recovering from a groin injury.

— PAUL MOON

Rufer is rookie of year

Young New Zealand striker Wynton Rufer, who was once thought likely to join Sydney City Hakoah, has been named "Discovery of the Season" by prestigious Swiss magazine "Sport".

In its review of the recently-completed campaign, "Sport" stated: "Rufer came into his own during the second half of the season for FC Zurich, to become one of the country's dominant forwards, running rings round many a defence with talented dribbling and has now made the grade."

After an inauspicious start, hampered by the controversy surrounding his signing from under the nose of city rival of Grasshoppers, the internal strife which beset the club, the in-

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MORWELL E FAWKNER ALLA MANIERA FORTE

La settimana di riposo sembra abbia avuto i suoi salutarissimi effetti per le due italiane ancora impegnate nella Dockerty Cup. Sia il Morwell che il Fawknor hanno vinto nettamente i loro incontri per passare ai quarti di finale della prestigiosa competizione.

Il Morwell specialmente ha soverchiato tutti i pronostici battendo il quattordicesimo con il risuonante punteggio di 5-1. A dir la verità il Polonia delle ultime settimane aveva lasciato molto a desiderare poiché i suoi anziani giocatori sembrano accusare un pauroso calo di forma. Ma il Morwell nello stesso periodo aveva anche lasciato molto a desiderare per motivi diversi, quindi la sua vittoria è una dimostrazione che in casa dei Falconi qualcosa è cambiato: è tornata la volontà di vincere e di impegnarsi poiché i mezzi tecnici individuali certo non sono mai mancati.

Le segnature domenica, sul campo neutro di Green Gully, sono state realizzate a firma di McLean (una doppietta), McGuinness, Mitten e O'Callaghan. Aspettiamo ora il Morwell alla riconferma contro un avversario più in forma, prima di ripresentarsi come un serio candidato ad uno dei

piacimenti importanti. Certo però che la vittoria così netta di domenica avrà risollevato il morale di tutti a Morwell e fatto cadere nel dimenticatoio differenze di vedute fra tecnici e giocatori.

Il Fawknor ha battuto la squadra di prima divisione del Western Suburbs senza strafare, ma anche senza correre tanti pericoli. E' stato una buona seduta di allenamento che ha visto un Palinkas in grande giornata ed in vena di "divertirsi". Speriamo che egli ripeterà la prova anche nelle più impegnative partite di campionato.

Le reti sono state messe a segno da Palinkas (su rigore concesso per fallo su Anselma), Anselma e Bruno Sabidussi. Molto si aspettavano l'esordio in azzurro dell'ex juventino Tiziano Cavallari che domenica avrebbe avuto l'opportunità di inserirsi in squadra in una partita senza patemi d'animo, ovviamente Cirkevici

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non ritiene Cavallari ancora a punto con la forma e l'esordio del dotato giocatore potrebbe diventare sempre più problematico. Adesso che Bruno Sabidussi è rientrato in grande stile e Palinkas e Boziskas stanno fornendo prestazioni di buon livello.

La Juventus, eliminata dal Melbourne, nel secondo turno, ha osservato un altro turno di riposo e ne ha approfittato per una partita di allenamento in cui ha battuto l'Albion Rovers per 7-2. Intanto Kevin Swinscoe è entrato in ospedale lunedì per una operazione al ginocchio (rimozione di un osso) e naturalmente ne avrà per diverse settimane. Rogers si è ristabi-

lito completamente e l'allenatore Marparitis dovrà ora trovare un posto in squadra per Fabio Incantato, rientrato dopo la sua avventura mondiale in Messico. Quindi per ora tutto va bene in casa bianconera, anche se la rosa dei titolari arriva appena a 12, con Geremia unico altro rincalzo, dopo il fallimento di trattative con diversi giocatori.

DUELLO ALL'ULTIMO SANGUE FRA BULLEEN E E BRUNSWICK

Nelle divisioni inferiori il Thomastown è finalmente tornato alla vittoria con un netto 2-0 in casa del Ringwood United, una squadra molto forte che conta nelle sue file gli ex juventini Vaughan, Alex Nelson e Gillan.

Fra i rossoneri ha torreggiato Tony Mainenti che si è assunto il ruolo di regista a centrocampo, ottima anche la prova del portiere Raponi. Con questa vittoria il Thomastown ha raggiunto quota 15 (4 vittorie, sette pareggi e 4 sconfitte) e si trova a solo sette lunghezze dalla prima in classifica, quindi tutto è ancora possibile.

La Triestina ha colto una risuonante vittoria per 4-0 contro il Geelong ed ha fatto un altro passo in avanti nella classifica arrivando ad una posizione di sicurezza che potrebbe diventare una corsa alle posizioni più alte.

Ma in nessun'altra divisione la situazione è tanto interessante come nella prima divisione della lega provinciale. La settimana scorsa Yarraville, Veneto Bulleen e Abruzzo East Brunswick erano in testa a parità di punti. Il confronto diretto fra i veneti ed i greci dava la possibilità ad E. Brunswick di trarre qualche profitto, ma i risultati in campo lasciavano la situazione immutata, poiché al pareggio della domenica scorsa (1-1) faceva riscontro un altro pareggio fra l'East Brunswick e il Lalor (2-2).

Con tanto avvicinate duello fra queste tre squadre sarebbe un vero peccato che solo due ricevessero la promozione a fine campionato, ma è quasi sicuro che tutte tre faranno un salto di categoria per il prossimo campionato poiché il vuoto lasciato dal Frankston nella prima divisione non è stato riempito e causerà delle promozioni a tavolino attraverso tutte le otto divisioni della lega minore. Che meglio della terza di questo formidabile gazzupetto?

Una sfida alla rovescia fra due squadre italiane si sta anche delineando nella quarta divisione della lega provinciale dove l'East Carlton, con quattro punti in due partite, si sta disperatamente staccando dalla zona retrocessione ed è ormai ad una sola lunghezza dai lazzi del Batman, terzi ultimi in classifica.

IRRESISTIBILI LE "PRIMAVERE" ITALIANE

Nelle due divisioni della lega giovanile, due italiani sono al comando della classifica. Nella divisione A la Juventus conduce con un punto di

distacco (ed una partita in meno), mentre nella B il Veneto Bulleen è pari punti con il Prahan (ma ha ancora una partita in meno). A completare un eccezionale terzetto per il club veneto, anche la squadra riserva guida la classifica del suo girone con un punto di distacco dai grandi rivali dell'East Brunswick.

Mica male per un club che appena adesso sta prendendo il calcio sul serio. Il futuro sembra ancora più roseo per i ragazzi di Tarquinio perché finalmente il grande club sociale di sociale di Bulleen ha visto i vantaggi derivanti dalla sezione calcio. Oltre al fatto che la squadra di calcio è praticamente autosufficiente, il social club ha registrato il fantastico incasso di \$35.000 durante la Coppa Italia dell'anno scorso (con un profitto netto di circa \$18.000). Queste cifre sono emerse all'assemblea generale del club, tenutasi la settimana scorsa. All'assemblea due protagonisti della sezione sportiva, Rino Tassarotto e Giuseppe Boarotto, venivano

eletti presidente e consigliere, rispettivamente, del comitato centrale del club.

Nel calcio "primavera" il dominio delle squadre italiane è totale con il primo posto in classifica delle riserve di Fawknor nella lega statale. Con ben quattro squadre italiane riserve e giovanili prime in classifica, il futuro per il nostro calcio certamente non potrebbe apparire più roseo.

C'è solo da sperare che i dirigenti dei vari club imparino dai precedenti sbagli e spendano di più per dare a questi ragazzi buoni allenatori che riescano a raffinarli per il salto nelle squadre titolari. La piccola spesa in più sarebbe in effetti un enorme risparmio poiché non sarebbe più necessario acquistare giocatori dall'estero a prezzi esosi... e soprattutto più pubblico andrebbe sicuramente a vedere ragazzi italiani nelle file delle squadre italiane.

JUVENTUS GIOIA SABOTO

A causa delle pessime condi-

zioni del campo numero due dell'Olympic Park, la partita Juventus-George Cross è stata spostata al campo numero una ma di SABATO, poiché il giorno dopo il Croatia giocherà sullo stesso campo.

WESTALL RAGGIUNTO

Il Westall United che aveva fatto da battistrada nella prima divisione del campionato dilettanti è stato raggiunto dal Maccabi che lo ha battuto per 2-1 nell'incontro diretto. In compenso le riserve della squadra italiana infliggevano agli ebrei la prima sconfitta stagionale. Comunque il ruolo di marcia del Westall è ancora di tutto rispetto con undici vittorie, due sconfitte, 48 reti messe a segno contro 15 subite.

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Five goal Forster, Calies scare Juve

by WALTER PLESS

A devastating display by Olympia's Perry Forster was the highlight of the week in Tasmania's Cadbury State League competition. Forster scored five of his side's eight goals against bottom team White Eagles.

The Olympia striker showed speed, ball control, intelligence and awesome firepower in scoring the season's highest tally of his career. Last season he scored seven goals in a cup match against Nelson United.

Apart from Forster's goals, veteran Tommy Wright scored with a tremendous drive from 18 metres and defender Chris Hey popped up with two sec-

ond-half goals before Andrew Leszczynski beat three defenders with a minute remaining and unleashed a spectacular shot for Eagles' solitary goal.

League leader Juventus-Pioneer is beginning to look rather shaky and dropped its third point in two matches when it only could play a 0-0 draw with Caledonians.

Ironically, it was a superb display by Caledonians' Italian goalkeeper, Louis Di Venuto, and solid performances from its other two Italians, defender Taglieri and striker Macalini, which hampered Juventus in its quest for victory.

It was only poor finishing by Calies, in fact, that saved Juventus from a humiliating defeat. King was the main culprit as he failed twice when having only the goalkeeper to beat.

University caused a sensation at South Hobart when it defeated Rapid 4-0. Shearman put the students in front with an excellent shot after 27 minutes and two more goals within six minutes of the start of the second half, by Jenkins and Crowther, sealed the issue. The fourth goal came in the 80th minute when a defender deflected Jenkins' shot into the net.

Croatia moved level on points with Juventus by beat-

ing Metro 2-0 through goals from Thomas and Oakes. Metro had their chances, especially in the second half, but poor finishing was their downfall.

Details: Olympia 5 White Eagles 1, Juventus 0 Caledonians 0, Croatia 2 Metro 0, University 4 Rapid 0.

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JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

Lechia Gdansk wins the Cup

Third division Lechia Gdansk has earned the right to represent Poland in the European Cup Winners Cup next season after an unprecedented victory in the Polish Cup final.

Lechia Gdansk became the first Third Division club to win the Cup in its 29-year history when it defeated Second Division Piast Gliwice 2-1.

Lechia's victims on the way to the final included European Cup semi finalist Widzew Lodz (5-4 in a penalty shoot-out after a 1-1 stalemate) and First Division Slask Wroclaw (3-0), Zagłębie Sosnowiec (1-0) and Ruch Chorzow (0-0 and 3-1 on penalties).

Lechia's biggest previous success was third place in the first division in 1956. It was beaten 5-0 by Legia Warsaw in the 1957 Cup final. The Gdansk club has also won promotion to the Second Division for next season.

Stevens moves for \$630,000

Gary Stevens, the hero of defeated FA Cup finalist Brighton, has signed for London club Tottenham Hotspur for a fee of about \$630,000.

Stevens, an England under-21 international, scored the last-minute goal which earned Brighton extra time and a subsequent replay against the eventual winner, Manchester United.

"I'm pleased to be signing for Spurs, but sad to leave Brighton, whose fans have not had a bad word to say about me for the best part of five years," he said.

Stevens, born in London, joined Brighton as a schoolboy in 1978, after being rejected by Ipswich, whose manager then was current England boss Bobby Robson.

SILA BOGA NE MOLI

Pod vrlo teskim i nepravednim uslovima JUST je prošle nedelje vodio borbu na tri fronta. Prvo je savez Viktorije ostao nizerazredne klubove, koji su dospeli do sedmesatne finala, jer je naredio da za dva dana odigraju dve naporne utakmice. Nesreća je htela da drugi tim JUST-a izvede Crotiju, koja je najveći favorite za osvajanje prvenstva i Dockerty Cup. Pod teretom povreda i teske prvenstvene utakmice protiv North Dandenonga "plavi" su doživeli pravu katastrofu na Olympic Parku, ali su ipak spasili cast sa dva izvanredna gola. Pobednik ima pravo da se raduje, jer je daleko pre utakmice dobio pobjedu na tanjiru. Pod pravednijim uslovima, za koje nasa administracija nema osećaja (kao svaka birokratija), videli bi lepsi i postepi je borbu na Olympic Parku, bez obzira sto bi klubovi Drzavne lige i tada pobedili.

Najteže ce navijaci JUST-a primiti poraz u Newcastlu, gde su otisli bez tri vazna igrača, koji su povredjeni na treningu i zadnjih utakmica. Zbog toga je morao da debutuje u prvom timu mladi Tom Karic, sto je bio veliki gubitak za drugi tim. Međutim, Karic je opravdao poverenje koje mu je ukazano protiv teskog i nezgodnog protivnika, koji se uspešno bori za naslov prvaka Nacionalne lige. Newcastle nije narocit tim, ali zato uspešno koristi snagu i taktiku, koja nije u duhu sportskih pravila. Cele nedelje trener je uvez- se snaga, sto sudija (ako se dobro ne postavi) ne moza da vidi. Tako su postignuta sva tri gola za Newcastle, dok je JUST iz igre stvorio bolje sanse, ali ni jednu nije iskoristio. Igrao je cudo da se igrači JUST-a nisu osvestili posle prvog kornera u 2. minutu, kada su jedino primili prvi gol.

U nedelju 3. jula JUST igra u Kanberi, sto ce biti laksa utakmica nego u Njukastlu, iako je Canberra City pobedila Hellasa u Melbourneu. Stil igre, koji je stvorio novi trener Abonji, odlicno odgovara "plavi- ma". Bice mnogo teze ako se ne oporave Zdravko Lujic, James Paton i Graham Tutill. Ali ako sva trojica mogu da igraju, Tom Karic mora ostati u timu, jer je to zaslužio na prošlot utakmici.

SRETNJA MAKEDONIJA

Posle dvonedeljnog odmora Makedonija igra uzastopno dve utakmice na svom terenu, sto je velika prednost za "crveno-crne", koji su se ucvrstili na prvom mestu lako tesna, pobeda nad Markonijem postignuta je samopiskom stilu, narocito pred kraj utakmice kada su gosti sretno izbegli tezi poraz. U nedelju 3. jula Makedonija docekuje Brisbane City, od koga se treba dobro cuvati, jer igra oštro i beskompromisno, sto moze da se parira uverenjem u igru Todorovskog ili Petrovskog, moza dobioje.

PRVA DIVIZIJA

BROADMEADOWS — ALTONA GATE/VARDAR 3:2 (1:0). Dva dejstva jedanaesterca donela su pobjedu domaćem timu, koji je bio nadigran od Vardara u oba poluvremena. Strelci za Vardar: Vlado Kotevski i Mendo Ristovski. Sastav Vardara: Dimitrijević, Trajkovski, Derivisovski, Naumovski (L. Talevski), Serovski, Kotevski, Dimovski, Jovanovski, Beller, Micevski, Ristovski. Rezerve su igrane nereseno 1:1 (1:0). Strelac za Vardar Ele Talevski. U nedelju 3. jula Altona Gate/Vardar igra na svom igralistu protiv Knox-City-a.

DRUGA DIVIZIJA

DRUGI TIM J.U.S.T.A. — NORTH DANDENONG 0:3 (0:1). Protivnik je poveo sa 1:0 posle poklonjenog jedanaesterca, sto je demoralisalo neiskusne igrače J.U.S.T.A. Najbolji igrači Emil Petrov, Marino Oblak i novi golman Yen Hon Ten. Rezerve su igrane nereseno 2:2 (1:1). Strelci Ljuba Barjakarevic i Ivica Karic. Najbolji igrači Zoran Pasicki, Rudi Fernandez i Ivica Karic. Sledce subote JUST je gost Nunawading City-a. RINGWOOD/SRBIA — THOMASTOWN 0:2 (0:1). Neociekivan, ali zaslužen poraz domaćeg tima, koji se nije dovoljno zalagao. U subotu 2. jula Ringwood/Srbija obilazi u goste Heidelberg United-a.

PRAHRAN/SLAVIJA — DRUGI TIM MAKE- DONIJE 2:3 (1:1). Makedonija je igrala bolje bez igrača Nacionalne lige, ali je jedva pobedila borbeno Slaviu. Strelci za Makedoniju: Billy Atenasovski, Buga Kurevski i Con Stojkov. Najbolji igrač bio je Con Stojkov, koji je napustio dva gola, pored trećeg, koji je sam postigao. U predigri rezervu Slavije pobedila je Makedonija sa 4:1 (1:1). Jedini gol postigao je Zlatko Anastaski. U subotu 2. jula drugi tim Makedonije odlazi u goste Waverley City-u.

PRVA PROVIZIONALNA DIVIZIJA

CARLTON/MLADOST — BALLARAT 1:3 (0:2). Ocekivala se bolja igra, ali gostima je vise odgovarao blagovolan teren. Pocasni gol postigao je Pande (naputkovski). Rezerva je izgubila sa 1:2 (1:1). U subotu 2. jula Mladost je gost Bullena.

CHELSEA — HAWKS BURN 2:0 (2:0). Poslednji na tabeli zaslužen je pobedom veterane Hawksburna, koji na svojim ledjima nose suvise godina i kilograma. Najbolji igrači: Steve Bleskanj, Jani Palo i Sje- ran Kanton. Rezerva Hawksburna je pobedila sa 2:0 (1:0), a oba gola postigao je novajlija Istvan Ber- eksaci, koji je 10 minuta pre kraja hitno prenet u bol-

nicu, jer se sumnja da je slomio ključnu kost. U subotu 2. jula Hawksburn igra na svom igralistu protiv Claytona.

LALOR/SLOGA — EAST BRUNSWICK 2:2 (1:0). Strelci za Slogu: Peter Dangov i Ljupko Kotevski. Rezerve su igrane nereseno 1:1. U subotu 2. jula Sloga igra protiv Monash University u gostima.

TRECA PROVIZIONALNA DIVIZIJA

CHELTENHAM — PASCOE VALE/PELISTER 3:0 (3:0). Domicin je iskoristio blato i kisu da osigura pobjedu u prvih 10 minuta. Kasnije se Pelister popra- vio, ali ne dovoljno da preokrene rezultat. Prvi put je nastupio Viktor Zeczevic, koji je zamenio George Lazarov. Izgubila je rezerva sa 1:2 (0:2). Pocasni gol postigao je Zlatko Cvetanovski. U subotu 2. jula igra se Jugo-derbi trece divizije izmedju Pelistera i Vojvodine na Cole reserve. Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale.

ALTONA/VOJVODINA — DALLAS CITY 3:1 (1:0). Strelci: Adam Miller, Paul Gallo i Slobodan Dimitrijević. Najbolji igrači: Paul Gallo, Veljko Dupor i Miki Cvetkovski. Rezerva je izgubila sa 0:1 (0:1) nesretnim golom iz jedanaesterca. Najbolji igrači: Miso Cincurak, Oliver Karanfilovski i Andrija Stresnjak.

BURNLEY — BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO 1:7 (0:4). Strelci: Milan Stojilovic 4, Hiko Kam 2 i Milenko Culibrk. Prvi poraz pretposle subote pozitivno je delovao na igrače. Bratstva/Jedinstva, su u uredno trenirali cele nedelje, sto nije bio slučaj do tada. Najbolji igrači: Milan Stojilovic, Dragan Janjic, Marin Basic. Rezerva je pobedila sa 3:1 (3:1). Strelci: Tom Okovic 2, Joe Francisti, Sime Rukavina i autogol. U subotu 2. jula Bratstvo/Jedinstvo je domacin Clari- ndi.

CETVRTA PROVIZIONALNA DIVIZIJA

MACLEOD — PARKMORE/PLAVI DUNAV 0:4 (0:2). Strelci: Robert Erdog 3 i Joe Biro. Rezerve su igrane nereseno 2:2. Sledeca subote Plavi Dunav igra na svom igralistu Murrumbene.

INDUSTRIJSKO PRVENSTVO

TARAX — SCORESBY UTD 0:7 (0:3). Zbog kise i blata Tarax je bio kratak za dva igrača, dok je protivnik nastupio u kompletnom sastavu. Nije cudo sto je ovako oslabljen Tarax izgubio sa tako velikim rezulta- tom, koji je za spustio u opasnu zonu. Tarax je slabod- dan iduce nedelje, a 10. jula igra opet na svojoj "Ma- rakani" protiv Waverley Wanderers-a.

AMATERSKI KUP

CRVENA ZVEZDA — WESTMEADOWS 0:1 posle produzetka od 30 minuta. U regularnom vremenu Zvezda nije iskoristila dvadesetak zrelih sansi, cak i jedanaesterac u 33. minutu. Prosto je neverovatno kakav je peh protiv igrača Zvezde, koji su pružili naj- bolju igru u ovoj sezoni. Rezerva Zvezde pobedila je Westmeadows sa 3:2 (1:1) i plasirala se u polufinale Amaterskog kupa. Strelci: Petar Peraz 2 i Slavko Drlic. U nedelju 3. jula Bosna i Crvena zvezda igraju Jugo-derbi amaterske lige u Melbourne na Burnley Ovalu u Richmondu.

ALBANIAN EAGLES — BOSNA UTD. 3:2 (3:0). Strelci: 0. Kutleski 2 i S. Yarkupi za Albanian Eagles, Milorad Velickovic i Ibro Hadziabdic za Bosnu. Izgubila je rezerva sa 1:4, tako da Bosna ispala iz ama- terskog kupa, ali ima veliku sansu da osvoji prvenstvo.

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ΑΠΕΝΑΝΤΙ ΣΤΟΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΠΑΛΟΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΤΗΝ
ΑΝΑΓΙΩΣΤΗΡΙΑ ΠΟΥ ΧΑΡΙΞΕ ΤΗΝ ΙΣΟΠΑ-
ΛΙΑ ΣΤΟΥΣ ΓΗΝΟΔΟΥΧΟΥΣ Ι - Ι

ΣΚΟΡΕΡ: Α. ΤΡΕΦΑΚΗΣ 37'

Μία ΔΟΞΑ περιήρμη, μία ΔΟΞΑ δυνατή και τεχ- νική, επέδειξε ότι είναι πανάγεια όχι μόνο να άνελει κατηγορία αλλά να παίζει άδωκη και στην Α' κατηγορία του Μετροπόλιταν. Στην άγώνα της έκτος έδρας έχοντας τα άν- τιμετωπισει τούς αντιπάλους της, τον ρεφε- ρι και τούς έκότες από την Όμοσπονδία, κατάφερε να σταθεί περιήρμη και να προη- γηθεί στο 37' με ύπεροχο γκολ του Τερζό- κη.

Στην συνέχεια ή ελληνική ομάδα έγινε ό στόχος της διατησίας που ήθελε με κάθε τρόπο να ίσοφαρίσει τόν άγώνα. Στο 65' κανονικό τέρμα του Λιακόπουλου άνυρθηκε και στο 72' σε σουτ τόν άντι- πάλου ή μέτληδα βρήκε τόν δοκάρι και κτύπη σε έξω από τήν γραμμή γιά να τόν βάσει να νική γκολ ό έκότες παρ που τόν δτι ό ρεφε- ρι ήταν κοντά στην φάση και δεν είχε συρ- ρίξει τίποτα.

Στην ίδια φάση απέβαλε τόν Τραυμάξη γι- ατί διαμαρτυρήθηκε και μετά άρχισε να μοι- ράζει κίτρινες κάρτες στους έλληνες παί- κτες χωρίς λόγο (Τζ. Δημητρίου, Πετρόλης, Α- μανατίλινος).

Μέ όσα παίκτες ή άδρα πέρασε και πάλι στην έκθεση αλλά δεν μπόρεσε να πετύχει κάτι από τέτοιες συνθήκες ένα δεύτερο τε- ρμα που θα της έδινε τήν νίκη.

Έβαιν κρίμα που ή Όμοσπονδία στέλνει σε αιτητές σόν αυτόν που είδαμε μέσα στο γη- πέδο τόν Πουλλήλιν.

λος να έχει να αντιμετώπιζει όχι μόνο τούς αντίπαλους αλλά και τούς διατητές ό όποιοι θέ πρέπει να είναι αντικειμε- νικοί.

"Άραγε ενδιαφέρθηκε ποτέ ό έλληνας προέ- δρος της Όμοσπονδίας Α. Δημητρίου και να ρωτήσει ποιοι διατητές στέλνονται σε κή- ριους άγόνες που παίζονται μία κατηγορία; Έως πότε θα κάνουν κουμάντο εκεί μέσα όι έβιοι και όι έβιοι;

Πού μετά να διαμαρτυρηθεί ένα σωματείο που σπαταλάται; Σε ποίον; Μήπως σε αβ- τούς που είναι μόνο γιά παρελάσεις και τυπικά και μόνο κρατάνε τις έδσεις; Αυτήρη θέματα που ποτέ δεν πρόκειται να διορθωθούν στο ποδόσφαιρο της Βικτωρια- νής Όμοσπονδίας ή όποια ούβέποτε τιμή- ρηση ρεφερ που καταβλάθει γιά τόν Α ή Β λόγιο μία ομάδα. Καί ή διακυβούλεια εί- ναι πάντα ή ίδια: Πάς δέν ύπάρχουν πολ- λοί διατητές.

Πριν λίγο καιρό είδαμε διατητή να κατα- βλάθει μία ομάδα μόνο και μόνο γιαντί εί- ναι μεγάλός στην ήλινια και μέν τόν βοη- θάει ή άραση του.

Μέ είναι σοβαρά πράγματα αυτά; Ή θαυμάσια ΔΟΞΑ έπαιξε με τούς: Γκιότα, Τραυμάξη, Στ. Αποστολίου, Φ. Δημητρίου, Α- μανατίλινος, Τερζόκη, Καλιόπουλη (39' Αισιό- κη), Τζ. Δημητρίου, Βούλαρη, Ν. Μελέ- τη και Πετρόλη.

Τό Σεβράτο ή άδρα Γιάραβλι παίζει στην έδρα της με τό "Ποτ Πράνσουγιν" τό όποιο στόν Α' Τύρο τό είχε νικήσει με 3-0. Πιστεύεται ότι ό σφαιλός της έλληνικής ομάδας θα δώσουν τό παρόν και θα βοηθή- σουν θετικά τήν ομάδα τους να πάρει τό μεγάλο ντέρμπι που θα τήν φέρουν άδωκη κιό κοντά στον τίτλο.

2-2 ΜΕ ΤΗΝ ΜΠΟΡΟΝΙΑ ΤΟ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ

ΣΚΟΡΕΡ: ΔΑΡΑΝΤΙΑΝΗΣ - ΣΤΑΘΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ

Τό Μάλβερν στο ντέρμπι της Β' τού Προβ- λινιαλ με τήν Μπορόνια πρέ πολύτιμη ίσο- παλία έκτος έδρας 2-2 και συνεχίζει να είναι στην Ιη θέση του βαθμολογικού πίνα- κα με τήν διαφορά ότι πλησίασαν επικινύ- νω τό Ίχλαντ Πάρκ με τήν Κλαρίνα, ένδ από τούς διεκδικητές του τίτλου παραμεί- νει και ή Μπορόνια.

Στον άγώνα του Σεβράτον ή γηκεδούχος προη- γήθηκε αλλά τό Μάλβερν στο 15' και στο 28' κατόρθωσε να ίσοφαρίσει με τόν Δελγηιάνην και να προηγήσει με τόν Σταθόπουλο. Στο 44' ή Μπορόνια ίσοφάρισε και στο Β' με- ρος κράτησε μία σχετική ύπεροχή χωρίς άπο- τέλεσμα.

Μέ τό Μάλβερν έπαιξαν όι Μακέν, Σταθόπουλος Παπαδόπουλος, Σματάρης, Πετρόπουλος, Σμέρβιλ (28' Μενίλινος), Κυριακόπουλος, Τσάμος, Δελγηιάν- ην, Λιγούδης, Τραυμάξη.

Η Β' ομάδα έχασε 3-0.

ΤΟ ΝΥΕΜΠΙ ΤΟ ΠΡΕ ΤΟ ΟΚΑΗ 3-1

Η ΔΙΑΤΙΘΕΤΑ ΔΑΚΙΔΕΣ ΤΗΝ ΝΙΚΗΤΡΙΑ

ΣΚΟΡΕΡ: ΕΜΙΛ, ΚΟΝΤΟΚΟΛΟΣ, ΤΖΙΤΣΕ

Ν. ΤΥΡΙΚΟΣ (ΕΛΛΗΝΑΝΤ)

Τό πολυσυζητημένο ντέρμπι της Γ' τού Μετρο- πόλιταν τό κέρειος όίκια με τό Όκλν τό 6- ποίο ήταν πib μαχητικό, τεχνικό και άποτε- λεσματικό στο Β' μέρος.

Τό Κώφλιντ είχε προηγήσει με πέναντι του κτύπησε ό Τυρίκος αλλά στην έπανάληψη τό Όκλν ήταν καλύτερο, ίσοφάρισε με τόν Έμιλ και πήρε τήν νίκη με τούς Κοντοκόστα και Τζιτζη, ό όποιος μετά τό 3-1 σε μία προσ- πείδι του πέρασε και τόν αντίπαλο τερμα- τοποίησαν άλλα πλάσμε άουτ.

Όπως μάς είπε ό γενικός άρχηγός του Ό- κλν Α. Μπαλάρης, ή διατησία του Κόπριου ρε

φερβ ήταν εις βάρος της ομάδας του στο με- γάλτερο διάστημα της συνάντησης.

Μέ τήν νικήτρια έπαιξαν όι Κέννετον, Λου- κιάς, Στοιάνουν, Γκριβέρης, Μπατιλόντο, Κον- τούτσας, Κιόσκιν, Κιάνκος, Τζιτζης, Έμιλ, Μ. Καρναρίνιος.

Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε με 4-0 και με τέρματα τόν Τσαντοβόλα 2, Λανιότ και Τσιόπουλο.

ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΤΟΥΡ ΡΟΥ ΑΦΗ Ο ΜΗΔΕ ΠΗΡΕ ΤΟ ΟΚΑΙ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΝΣΥ ΚΑΙ ΗΚΡΙΜΕΝΗ ΚΑΙ ΤΟ ΝΑΙ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΒΙΚΤΟΡΙΑΝΗ ΟΜΟΣΠΟΝΔΙΑ

"Αν και στο ός κύλους του Μένα ό παρ- άγοντες άποφεύγουν να πούν κάτι σχετικό με τό τούρ τού Άρη στην άβορραλία, έν τοτότως κορυφαίος παρώνών μάς είπε ότι ή Όμοσπονδία της ΝΣΥ είπε τό ναί και καί τί τέτοιο άναμένεται και από τήν Όμοσπο- νδία της Βικτωρίας.

ΜΑ ΔΕΝ ΑΝΑΡΤΕΣ ΑΚΟΜΗ Ο Ν. ΚΑΤΣΟΡΕΡ;

Έβχουμε ένδιαφερέσει γιά τήν όγεια τού Ν. Κατηφόρη ό όποιος ως γνωστόν γράφει μάλ- λον έρσιμεχνικά σε μία έφημερίδα τού Σεβράτον. Τελικά άπ' ότι είδαμε άρχισε πi- λι να άσχολείται με τή άθλητική αλλά φαί- νεται ότι ή άσθενεία του τόν έφερε πολύ- πτω άπό τή νέα γιαντί άσφαλός θα μάθει να δτι λών φόρτου έργασίας από καιρό τού- ρα τήν στήλη τού SOCCER ACTION τήν έλληνική τήν έπιμελείται ή Ν. ΟΛΙΑ ΜΗΛΑΙΟΥ.

Κακώς λοιπόν άναφερέθηκε στον Μένο Μήλιο σε ένα άνοστο σημείωμα του τό περασμένο Σεβράτο και είναι λυπηρόν να άσχολεται με άνθρώπους που δέν τόν ένοχλόν και μάλλον τόν άγνοούν.

Μπορεί λοιπόν ό Κατηφόρης να έγινε καλός από τήν πρόσφατη άσθενεία του αλλά δέν πρόκειται να γίνει καλός σε κάτι τέτοια θέματα που τό έκθέτουν.

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'78	5-2
'79	2-0
'80	2-1
'81	-
'82	0-0



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PRESTON

PRESTON v BRISBANE CITY

Connor Reserve K.O. 3pm

Previous results

'81	1-1
'82	3-1



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